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NEARBY

Keen on strengthening maritime sector: PM
MANGALURU
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the government was keenly working on strengthening the maritime sector, both on defence and economic fronts, for the overall development of the country.
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Seer remanded in police custody till Monday
HUBBALLI
The head of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, arrested on Thursday night in connection with the alleged sexual harassment of minor girls, was on Friday remanded in police custody till September 5 following court's direction.
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K-RIDE issues work order for suburban rail project
BENGALURU
Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd. – KRIDE, the agency implementing the Bengaluru suburban rail project, has issued a work order to Larsen & Toubro for civil works of corridor -2 from Baiyappanahalli to Channakabanavara.
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SC grants interim bail to Teesta till Gujarat HC takes up petition

It orders the State govt. to produce her before a local court today for release

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday allowed activist Teesta Setalvad interim bail in a case of alleged forgery and fabrication of records linked to the 2002 Gujarat riots cases.

A three-judge Special Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said a case of interim bail is "evidently made out" on consideration of the facts that she is a woman who has already undergone seven days of custodial interrogation. The court noted that Ms. Setalvad has been in custody for over two months since her arrest in Mumbai by the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad on June 25. The court noted that the offences alleged against her pertain to 2002 and, as per the assertions made by the State, to documents presented till 2012.

The Bench, in its order, said her interim bail would continue till the Gujarat High Court decided her pending application for regular bail in the case.

The State of Gujarat was directed to produce Ms. Setalvad before the Ahmedabad court concerned on September 3 for release on interim bail. The lower court may subject her to interim bail conditions it "may deem appropriate to ensure her presence and participation in the pending proceedings".

She would have to surrender her passport to be kept in the safe custody of the lower court while the High Court considered the question of regular bail. She should render complete cooperation in the investigation, the top court directed.

On a request by senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Aparna Bhat, appearing for Ms. Setalvad, the top court directed the lower court not to insist on local security as a precondition for her release on interim bail.

The court said she should be released on providing cash security or bond.

"It speaks volumes that a lady of her influence thinks she may not find a single local person in the entire State of Gujarat to stand security for her," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said after the order was dictated by the court.

"That may equally speak volumes about the State," Mr. Sibal retorted.

"We are not concerned about anything other than the facts of the case," Chief Justice Lalit quelled the exchange between the lawyers.

The Bench, also comprising Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia, clarified that it was only concerned about the grant of interim bail during the pendency of the case in the Gujarat High Court and did not go into the submissions made by Ms. Setalvad on the merits of the case against her.

The Bench left it completely to the High Court to look into her pending plea for regular bail, "independently and uninfluenced" by the observations made by the Supreme Court in its interim bail order.

The court further made clear that the interim bail order in favour of Ms. Setalvad should not be "used" in favour of her co-accused.

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Road to relief | A chronology of the events in the Teesta Setalvad case

June 25: Gujarat ATS arrests Teesta Setalvad in Mumbai. An FIR accuses her of forgery, fabrication of evidence, making false charges of offences with intent to injure, and conspiracy in connection with the 2002 riots cases

July 30: Ahmedabad sessions court refuses her bail

Aug. 3: Gujarat High Court denies interim bail and posts her application for regular bail on September 19

Aug. 16: Senior advocate Kapil Sibal makes an oral mentioning in the Supreme Court for her appeal against the trial court and HC orders to be taken up for hearing early

Aug. 22: The Supreme Court issues notice to State of Gujarat

Aug. 25: Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta seeks a short adjournment to fine-tune the State's reply to her appeal

Sept. 1: A Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit orally remarks that a woman who has been in custody for more than two months is entitled to "favourable treatment" under the Cr.PC.

Sept. 2: SC allows her interim bail

India to host Quad senior officials' meeting next week

It comes ahead of PM's visit to SCO summit with Russia, China

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

New Delhi will host an official-level meeting of the Quad grouping with the U.S., Japan and Australia next week, the first such "senior officers meeting" (SOM) to be held since the recent escalation of tensions over the Taiwan Strait.

The Quad SOM meeting, scheduled for September 5-6, is one of a number of meetings with India's Indo-Pacific partners in the week, seen as part of the government's "balancing" moves ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan in mid-September. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the SCO summit along with leaders of Russia, China, Pakistan, Central Asia and Iran, the first such in-person summit since the COVID-19 pandemic and the beginning of the Ukraine war.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) officials will follow the Quad meeting with an India-U.S. 2+2 "inter-sessional" meeting, with U.S. Assistant Secretary of States for South and Central Asia Donald Lu leading the American delegation to discuss bilateral issues. Senior counterparts from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Deputy Secretary Justin Hayhurst, and the Director General of the Foreign Policy Bureau in Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Keiichi Ichikawa will attend the meetings on Monday and Tuesday, which will review progress in a number of Quad initiatives that were discussed during the Quad summit in Tokyo in May this year.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the leaders of U.S., Japan, Australia, during the Quad summit in Washington. • AP/FILE

'2+2' Ministerial meeting

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will also travel to Tokyo later in the week for an India-Japan "2+2" Ministerial meeting. In addition, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal will travel to the U.S. for bilateral trade talks from September 5-10, as well as to attend the third Indo-Pacific Economic Forum ministerial meeting (IPEF) in Los Angeles, which is being held in person for the first time since its launch by U.S. President Joseph Biden in May.

Bangladesh PM's visit

The meetings will take place amidst a particularly busy diplomatic calendar, as Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also begins her state visit to India on Monday.

"I think this is a reflection of the close coordination and collaboration that we have with our partners, you know, the Quad partners, but also bilateral partners," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, when asked about the flurry of meetings, during a weekly media briefing on Thursday, but declined to confirm the dates.

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Vikrant a reflection of self-reliant India: PM

Country's first indigenous aircraft carrier commissioned into the Navy

Sentinel of the seas

A look at the 'floating airfield' *INS Vikrant*, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier

TIME TRAVEL

February 2009: Keel of the ship is laid

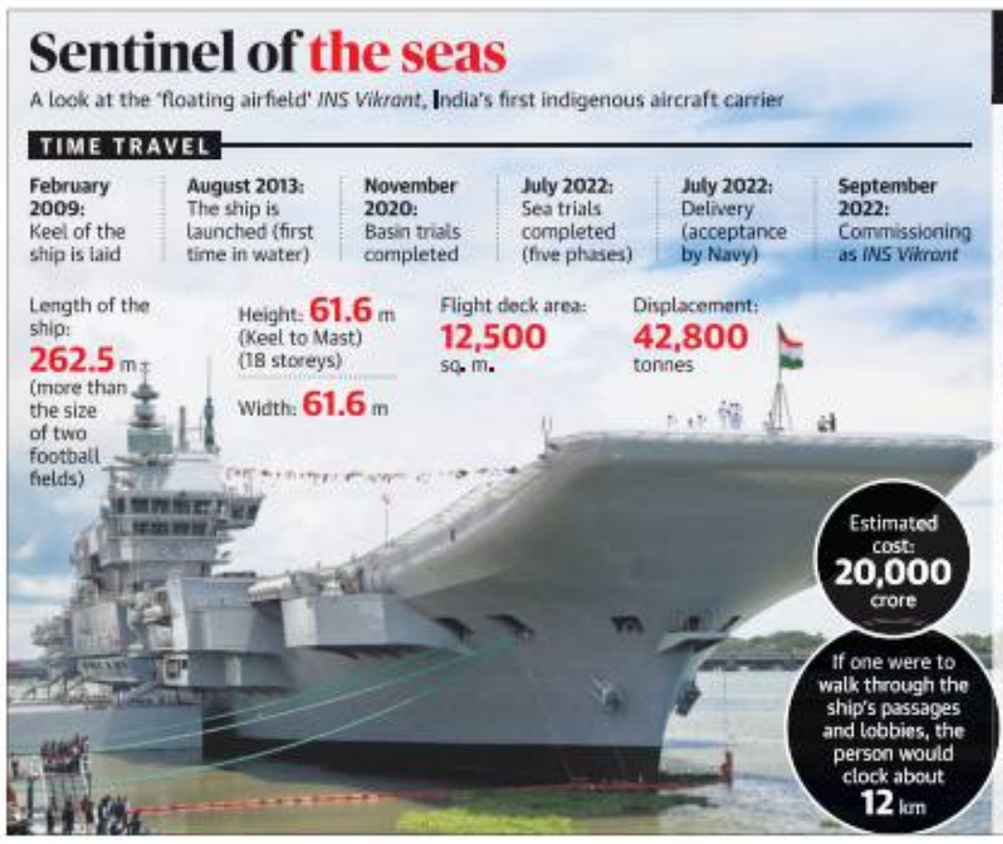
August 2013: The ship is launched (first time in water)

November 2020: Basin trials completed

July 2022: Sea trials completed (five phases)

July 2022: Delivery (acceptance by Navy)

September 2022: Commissioning as *INS Vikrant*



AHOY THERE! A LOOK AT SOME CARRIER STATS

- Crew: 1,600
- Compartments: 2,300
- Max speed: 28 knots
- Cruising speed: 18 knots
- Endurance 7,500 nautical miles
- Over 30 fighter aircraft and helicopters, including MiG 29Ks, Kamov and MH-60R choppers
- Medium-range surface-to-air missiles
- Close-in weapons systems
- Fully functional hospital with a CT scan machine
- Two operation theatres

DINAKAR PERI
KOCHI

Security concerns in the Indo-Pacific region and the Indian Ocean had long been ignored, but today this area is a major defence priority of the country, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday as he commissioned *INS Vikrant*, the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier and the most complex warship ever built.

"*Vikrant* is a unique reflection of India becoming self-reliant," he said, adding that his government is working in every direction, from increasing the budget for the Indian Navy to increasing its capability.

The ship is christened after India's first aircraft carrier *Vikrant*, which played a vital role in the 1971 war. From 2013 to 2017, the Navy had fielded two aircraft carriers – the erstwhile *Viraat* acquired from the U.K. and the *INS Vikramaditya* from Russia which is currently in service.

Once *INS Vikrant* becomes fully operational, Indian Navy will once again be able to deploy two full-fledged carrier groups significantly expanding its footprint across the Indo-Pacific.

"So far, such aircraft carriers were only made by developed countries. India has taken a step towards being a developed country by being part of the league," said Mr. Modi speaking at the formal commissioning ceremony which saw the presence of several naval veterans who commanded and served on the erstwhile Vikrant.

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Woman pushed off train in Haryana, dies

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CHANDIGARH

A 32-year-old woman died allegedly after she was pushed off a moving passenger train by a man who tried to molest her near the Tohana station at Fatehabad in Haryana, officials said on Friday.

The incident took place in the presence of the woman's nine-year-old son, they said.

The Government Railway Police (GRP) said the woman had boarded the passenger train from near Lakhan Majra in Rohtak to travel to Tohana. The incident took place on Thursday night, a GRP official said.

"The passenger train was on its way from Delhi to Tohana and the woman and her son had boarded it from Lakhan Majra," he said. He said most coaches were empty when the incident took place near Tohana station where the woman had to get down.

"It has come to light that one accused was involved in the incident," the GRP SHO, Naresh Kumar, said.

He said the woman resisted attempts of the accused to harass her, but was allegedly pushed down from the running train and she died due to the injuries.

Mr. Kumar said when the train reached Tohana, her son, who was crying profusely, narrated the incident to his father after which the police were informed. The body was found near the tracks, he said.

GETTY IMAGES

When Faith and belief join forces over 1500m

Kipyegon has already cemented her legacy as the best female runner in the history of the metric mile. If she fulfils her remaining ambitions, she will figure prominently in the conversation about the greatest athletes ever

FASTEST WOMEN'S 1500M RUNS: Genzebe Dibaba: 3:50.07 (2015) | Faith Kipyegon: 3:50.37 (2022) | Qu Yunxia: 3:50.46 (1993) | Bo Jiang: 3:50.98 (1997) | Faith Kipyegon: 3:51.07 (2021)

REUTERS
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

If there was any dispute about Faith Kipyegon's claim to being the greatest women's 1500m runner of all time, her performances over the last two months should have banished it.

No woman before July 2022 had won two Olympic and two World titles over that distance. But Kipyegon – Olympic champion at Rio in 2016 and Tokyo in 2021, as well as World champion at London in 2017 – mastered the competition at Eugene, Oregon, to make history.

Although Sifan Hassan – the only woman to have beaten the Kenyan over 1500m since the start of 2017 – opted out to focus on the distance double (5000m-10,000m), it was still a strong field. Kipyegon finished in an impressive time of 3:52.96 to regain her World crown.

Grace under fire

"I was facing a lot of pressure," Kipyegon said after winning her fourth Major gold. "Everybody was expecting something special from me. Everybody was like, 'Faith, we believe in Faith,' so it was real pressure. But I managed it. This was my big target. I was really looking forward to this championship. I was really, really prepared for this race."

As if that weren't enough, the 28-year-old travelled to Monaco last month for the Diamond League and threatened the world record; she was just three tenths of a second off.

Primed for it

Having twice clocked three-minute, 52-second runs in 2022, Kipyegon was primed for an attack on Genzebe Dibaba's world record of 3:50.07, set in 2015 at the same venue: Stade Louis II. The 5'2" runner narrowly missed out, stopping the watch at 3:50.37, but leaving the impression that establishing a new mark was a matter of when not if.

"I have been chasing [the record] for quite some time, but I am happy with the personal best," Kipyegon told the organisers in Monaco. "It seems I did not give [it my] all, but I tried hard. I knew this was the best place to get the world record, but I am so disappointed I lost it in the last metres. I hope for the best next time."

Although she doesn't have the world record – yet – there's no doubting Kipyegon's dominance of the marquee middle distance event.

The sheer consistency of her brilliance is staggering. She is the only woman in history to have run eight 1500m races under 3:55.0. She also owns six of the 13 fastest times ever, including two of the top five (second and fifth).

And while Kipyegon may not have bettered Dibaba's best-ever time, she had the measure of her Ethiopian rival when they went head-to-head on the biggest stage of all: the Olympics.

Dibaba had beaten a raw, 21-year-old Kipyegon at the 2015 Worlds. She was the favourite for the 2016 Games, with experts reasoning that the 25-year-old had the pedigree and experience.

But Kipyegon had other ideas. She sat in a pack that virtually jogged the opening stages before she and Dibaba pulled clear around the halfway mark. Dibaba led with 200 to go but her diminutive opponent unleashed a devastating burst that left the world record holder trailing in her wake. Kipyegon won in 4:08.92, over Dibaba (4:10.27).

"It was an amazing race," Kipyegon said after her first Olympic gold. "I needed to focus for the middle because I knew Genzebe is so fast and I really had to kick on the last lap."

It was the young Kenyan's breakout moment on the world stage, a precursor of things to come. In 2017, she added the World title to her Olympic crown after sprinting to a thrilling victory in a fantastic race that erupted on the final lap. Kipyegon held off all-comers (including Caster Semenya, who was hunting an 800m-1500m double) down the home straight to clock 4:02.59.

But the most impressive of Kipyegon's runs on the big stage wasn't a gold medal. At the 2019 Worlds in Doha, she took silver in her first Major event after a 21-month maternity break. "I came back after giving birth and I feel like a role model for the young mothers out there and the young athletes," she told World Athletics. "I hope to show them that when you go for maternity leave, this does not mean the end of your career. You can come back strong."

> Everybody was expecting something special from me. Everybody was like, 'Faith, we believe in Faith,' so it was real pressure. But I managed it
>
> **FAITH KIPYEGON,** After completing the Olympic-World double-double

> I'm biased, but in my eyes she's the greatest 1500m runner there has ever been. I don't think she gets enough credit for the athlete she is. She's won everything
>
> **LAURA MUIR,** Olympic 1500m silver medallist

> Faith has great running technique. Strong dedication and unbelievable wide range, from great speed and a great endurance capacity. I won't be surprised if she ends up with a great marathon
>
> **BRAM SOM,** Former coach

Kipyegon has only grown from strength to strength since then. In Tokyo last year, she defended her Olympic crown in 3:53.11, bettering the Games record that had stood for 33 years. She became only the second woman, after Tatyana Kazankina (1976 and 1980), to win back-to-back Olympic titles in the metric mile.

Kipyegon said after the race that knowing her daughter would be watching spurred her on during the final 200m. "I knew I had to do something for her," she said after the triumph.

Indeed, her daughter Alyn, born in 2018, is a strong source of motivation for Kipyegon. "The biggest difference she made in my life was in my mindset," Kipyegon wrote in SPIKES magazine, detailing her journey back to competitive running after childbirth. "She gave me motivation in my career to provide what she needs in future – education and other things. She made me want to work really hard."

Coming full circle

Life seems to have come full circle for Kipyegon, in terms of inspiration. Growing up on a farm in the Kenyan Rift Valley, running was an ever-present theme: her father Samuel Koech had been a promising athlete at the national level. "My father was a good 800m and 1500m runner but unfortunately, he never boarded a plane. He would only win his races up to nationals and go back home as there were no big competitions like we have these days," Kipyegon said.

She and older sister Beatrice Mutai (a 10km and half-marathon athlete) did, however, board planes to have a taste of international competition. Indeed, in her early days travelling the world, Kipyegon ran barefoot in cross country championships.

She has come a long way since then and is now surrounded by some of the best distance runners at the famous Kaptagat training camp in Kenya's Eldoret region under revered athletics coach Patrick Sang. Eliud Kipchoge, the greatest marathoner of all time, is a training mate.

Already a legend

Like Kipchoge, Kipyegon is a legend in her athletic lifetime. And she isn't done yet. She still has ambitions in the 1500m, but she is also seeking a new running challenge. "For now, I'm looking forward to the 2024 Olympics [in Paris], I want to defend my [1500m] title before maybe shifting to 5000m," she said in an interview with the Olympic Channel.

A third Olympic title will be an astonishing feat – that and the 1500m world record will place her right at the top of conversations about the greatest athletes of all time. Given her talent and drive, don't be surprised if she continues to add to an already creaking medal cabinet and then purchases another storage unit for the medals she intends to win in the 5000m.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Daniil Medvedev	26	6,885	19
2	Alexander Zverev	25	5,760	19
3	Rafael Nadal	36	5,630	9
4	Carlos Alcaraz	19	5,100	17
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,890	22
6	Novak Djokovic	35	4,770	11
7	Casper Ruud	23	4,695	23
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,625	24
9	Cameron Norrie	27	3,415	24
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,355	22
11	Andrey Rublev	24	3,120	24
12	Taylor Fritz	24	3,090	23
13	Jannik Sinner	21	3,020	21
14	Matteo Berrettini	26	2,360	18
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,340	23

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 239 ▲ 2 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 329 ▼ 8 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,605	17
2	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,360	20
3	Maria Sakkari	27	4,190	21
4	Paula Badosa	24	3,980	24
5	Ons Jabeur	28	3,920	19
6	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,470	20
7	Simona Halep	30	3,255	19
8	Jessica Pegula	28	3,201	17
9	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,015	21
10	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,886	19
11	Emma Raducanu	19	2,756	22
12	Coco Gauff	18	2,687	17
13	Belinda Bencic	25	2,635	20
14	Leylah Fernandez	19	2,540	17
15	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,317	36

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 326 ▲ 32 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 365 ▼ 3 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	284	9
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	191	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	186	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	171	1
5	George Russell	Mercedes	170	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	146	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	76	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	64	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	51	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
12	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	20	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	19	0
14	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	18	0
15	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
17	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	5	0
18	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
19	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	4	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0
21	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	475	10	18
2	Ferrari	357	4	12
3	Mercedes	316	0	11
4	Alpine	115	0	0
5	McLaren	95	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	51	0	0
7	Haas	34	0	0
8	AlphaTauri	29	0	0
9	Aston Martin	24	0	0
10	Williams	4	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	38
2	Kento Momota	110,904	25
3	Anders Antonsen	96,500	33
4	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	37
5	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	89,879	33
6	Chou Tien Chen	89,576	36
7	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	29
8	Jonatan Christie	80,262	33
9	Chen Long	76,350	11
10	Lakshya Sen	75,874	35
11	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,849	33
12	Ng Ka Long Angus	69,707	32
13	Rasmus Gemke	69,701	32
14	K. Srikanth	68,731	39
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,461	32

Top Indians ▸

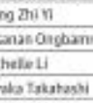
Lakshya Sen
Rank 10

K. Srikanth
Rank 14

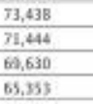
Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Tai Tzu Ying	110,845	24
2	Akane Yamaguchi	109,413	33
3	Chen Yu Fei	105,406	24
4	An Se Young	105,203	40
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	25
6	Nozomi Okuhara	93,210	21
7	P.V. Sindhu	93,018	37
8	Ratchanok Intanon	89,349	34
9	He Bing Jiao	81,064	29
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	39
11	Wang Zhi Yi	73,438	28
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	71,444	45
13	Michelle Li	69,630	35
14	Sayaka Takahashi	65,353	27
15	Mia Blichfeldt	61,479	23

Top Indians ▸



P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7



Saina Nehwal
Rank 28

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	890	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	726	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	822	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	820	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	R. van der Dussen	789	796
3	Quinton de Kock	784	813
4	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
5	Virat Kohli	744	911
6	Rohit Sharma	740	885
7	David Warner	739	880
8	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
9	Ross Taylor	722	841
10	Aaron Finch	706	798

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	720	770
2	Josh Hazlewood	678	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Jasprit Bumrah	662	841
5	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
6	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
7	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
8	Rashid Khan	651	806
9	Matt Henry	644	691
10	Mustafizur Rahman	640	695

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	810	896
2	Mohammad Rizwan	796	798
3	Suryakumar Yadav	792	816
4	Aiden Markram	792	796
5	Dawid Malan	731	915
6	Aaron Finch	716	900
7	Devon Conway	683	784
8	Muhammad Waseem	671	703
9	Pathum Nissanka	636	689
10	Reeza Hendricks	628	647

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Tabraiz Shamsi	716	821
3	Rashid Khan	708	816
4	Adil Rashid	702	746
5	Adam Zampa	698	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	797
7	Akeal Hosein	665	681
8	Bhuvneshwar Kumar	661	665
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	660	745
10	Mitchell Santner	651	731

K-RIDE issues work order for suburban railway project

Officials say tender will be floated for Heelalige to Rajankunte line shortly

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

The much awaited construction of the Bengaluru suburban rail project will start in a couple of weeks. The Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited - KRIDE, the agency implementing the project, has issued a work order to Larsen & Toubro for civil works of corridor -2 (Mallige line) from Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanvara.

The contractor will build 9.72 km elevated line and 18.55 km at grade line. The corridor has 14 stations, and construction will be taken up at a later stage. The design for the stations will be finalised in due course, officials said.

Sources at K-RIDE told *The Hindu* that an order for the construction work was issued on August 26. The tender cost of the corridor-2 is ₹859 crore.

"We are doing the onboard process. The contractor will mobilise their resources as early as possible to commence the civil construction work. The new railway line will come up parallel to the lines of South Western Railway (SWR), and the required clearance has been received for taking up the project," said an official of K-RIDE.

On June 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the suburban rail project in the city. • FILE PHOTO

K-RIDE has set a deadline of 24 months to complete the works.

Officials said 90% of the land required for corridor 2 is readily available. The rest of the land belongs to private people, for which acquisition notification has already been issued.

Close to 7 acres of private are required for the project. The KIADB is acquiring the land for K-RIDE.

On June 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the suburban rail project in the city. The PM had promised that the project will be reality in 40 months. Rail activists have been demanding that K-RIDE expedite the project which was envisaged decades ago.

Sources said that in the next phase, the tender will be issued for taking up corridor-4 (Kanaka line) that is from Heelalige to Rajankunte. The total length of this corridor is 46 km and has 19 stations.

"The tender documents are being prepared. In one or two months, the tender will be floated for corridor-4 and subsequently other corridors will be taken up," said the official.

At a later stage, the KSR Bengaluru to Devanahalli line (corridor-I) that connects Kempegowda International Airport will be taken up. This line has been named as Sampige.

Rail activists have been demanding that K-RIDE implement the airport line on priority basis. The other line proposed for construction is corridor-3 from Kengeri to Whitefield. The name of this like is Parijatha. The total number of stations of all four corridors is 148 and 57 new ones will come up.

Metro work, potholed roads add to traffic snarls on Bannerghatta Road

Authorities are yet to fix responsibility for the maintenance of the stretch

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The nearly 10-km stretch on Bannerghatta Road, between Dairy Circle and Gottigere, a key arterial road where Namma Metro work is still under way, is proving to be a nightmare for motorists. Despite meetings on ways to ease traffic disruption and road damages, the authorities are yet to fix responsibility for the maintenance of the road, which is rid with potholes.

Following recent rains in the city, the condition of the road has only deteriorated.

The stretch is facing inordinate delays and missed deadlines by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) to complete the 21-km Pink Line from Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara, which includes an underground stretch as well (Dairy Circle to Nagawara).

BMRCL has erected barricades reducing the width of the motorway, causing traffic snarls, especially during peak hours.

Roshan Nair, a commuter who takes this stretch to go to his office, said: "Already, the metro work has created traffic snarls on the stretch and now after rains, the potholes have added to it. The BBMP or the BMRCL has not taken any action to fill the potholes in the last two months".

Nearly a 10-km stretch of Bannerghatta Road between Dairy Circle and Gottigere is full of potholes. • DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.

Another commuter, Kokilabanu, said that only one lane is available for motorists at many places along the stretch.

"Now that COVID-19 cases have dropped drastically, more people are travelling to their offices. This stretch has become a nightmare for us due to potholes. We have no option but to use the narrow road available, which is also damaged by construction and potholes. People using personal vehicles have a tough time on this stretch," she said, while adding that whenever it rains it is horrible to take the route since the whole road is flooded.

Meanwhile, in a few places, agencies have put up barricades blocking the already narrow roadway to ensure motorists avoid the big potholes or manholes that have opened up, without repairing them.

"We can't even notice those barricades on the stretch during the night when it is raining heavily. Why don't the civic authorities repair the spots and remove those barricades and make the road safe for motorists," said Phanindra Kumar, a resident of Hulimavu.

Meanwhile, senior officials from both BMRCL and BBMP blamed the recent rains. "We are coordinating and making the road safe and motorable," a senior BMRCL official said.

A BBMP official said that due to continuous rains they were not able to fill the potholes. "Because of rains it is difficult for us to asphalt or fills the potholes and hence we are using cold mix asphalt, which is temporary," he added.

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Dak adalat to be held on Sept. 13

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Office of the Postmaster General, South Karnataka region, will hold a dak adalat on postal complaints on September 13, at 11 a.m.

A release said that people can present their grievances on postal matters pertaining to South Karnataka region, comprising Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davangere, Hassan, Kolar, Kodagu, Mandya, Dakshina Kannada, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, and Udupi.

The grievances should reach the Assistant Director, (Staff), O/o the Postmaster General South Karnataka Region, II, Floor, GPO Building, Bengaluru - 560001 on or before September 9.

Nine luxury cars recovered

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Ashoknagar police have arrested two persons on the charge of stealing cars and recovered nine luxury cars, worth ₹1.2 crore. The accused were identified as Ayaz Pash and Mateenuddin, from Bengaluru.

Accompanied by their friends, Syed Sameer and Tanveer from Delhi, the accused had stolen the cars from Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and other States, said the police. They were planning to sell the cars in Bengaluru using duplicate number plates.

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Oleksandr Usyk within punching distance of boxing immortality

The Ukrainian owns three of the four heavyweight belts. If Tyson Fury can be persuaded into the ring for a fight to unify the four titles, Usyk will have the opportunity to achieve a rare distinction: become an 'undisputed' champion in two weight classes

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Oleksandr Usyk is a step away from everlasting boxing greatness.

The Ukrainian pugilist successfully defended his World heavyweight titles with a split-decision win over Anthony Joshua in a rematch, dubbed 'Rage on the Red Sea', last month. He thus retained possession of his WBA, WBO and IBF belts, remaining the unified champion.

There's only one heavyweight title that Usyk doesn't own – the WBC belt, which Tyson Fury kept after knocking out Dillian Whyte at Wembley Stadium in April.

Victory over the 6'9" Fury would unite all four heavyweight titles, making Usyk the undisputed champion. What's more, the 35-year-old ring-master will have the incredibly rare honour of achieving 'undisputed' status in two weight classes, having already been the undisputed cruiserweight champion before moving up to the heavyweight division.

Add his outstanding amateur credentials – he is an Olympic, World and European champion! – and you realise that Usyk is one of the most decorated boxers in the sport's rich history.

'Pound for pound' No. 1?

He also has a strong case for being recognised as the best active boxer 'pound for pound' (an adjusted ranking system that compares boxers across divisions by compensating for weight class); The Ring magazine certainly thought as much, ranking him No. 1 last month.

It isn't merely the incredible success; it's also the extreme circumstances in which he has risen.

Six months ago, he was patrolling the streets of Kyiv with an automatic rifle and defending Ukraine from the invading Russians. Indeed, it wasn't until he was asked to fight Joshua by Ukrainian soldiers he was visiting in a medical facility that Usyk decided he would box again.

After a gruelling training camp, he was handling a different type of pressure inside the ring at King Abdullah Sport City arena in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia – that of living up to his billing as the sporting pride of Ukraine, carrying the hopes of a country fighting for its existence.

The 6'3" boxer succeeded with a stirring show of heart and resilience, weathering a barrage from the heavy-hitting Joshua in round nine before turning the tables with three rounds for the ages.

"This is already history," Usyk said after the fight, which took his professional record to 20 matches undefeated. "Many generations are going to watch this fight, especially the round when someone tried to beat me hard. But I stood up to it and turned it in a different way."

Even Joshua's camp acknowledged Usyk's superiority in every facet of the fight-game.

"In the ninth round I thought we had him," said Joshua's promoter Eddie Hearn. "The 10th round was one of the best rounds I've seen. What Usyk did in the 10th, the 11th and the 12th was incredible, he was hurt badly in the ninth but came out like a train."

Joshua's trainer Robert Garcia, who gave the British boxer a new game-plan of attacking Usyk's body and

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> OLEKSANDR USYK

keeping the pressure on, admitted that the Ukrainian was a true champion.

"Anthony is a hard puncher, and one shot can change a fight. That is what we were hoping for, one shot," Garcia told Izquierdazo. "But Usyk is a great fighter, with a tremendous heart, who knows how to finish strong, like champions do. Usyk was mentally stronger, to the point that after being close to a knockout, instead of giving up, he came back stronger. His will and his desire to demonstrate to his country that he couldn't let himself lose the fight, made him come back."

Challenge issued

Usyk called Fury out immediately after the match. "I am convinced he wants to fight me. I want to fight him. And if I'm not fighting Tyson Fury, I'm not fighting at all," Usyk told the crowd through a ringside interpreter. Fury has declared himself retired, but said in a post on social media that he would "smash him [Usyk] in four rounds."

Fury has continued to send out mixed signals, full of bombast one day and saying he was walking away from the sport, because he had given his wife his word, the next.

Experts think it's merely a ploy to drive up his price and at least one recent Fury comment did that explicitly: "England has been relieved of its belts, yet again, as usual, but there is a remedy and a solution that I can suggest. If you want those belts back, then send in the Gypsy barbarian of England. Come on. Send me in. But it's not going to be cheap. It's going to be very expensive."

The prospect of the fight should appeal to Fury. It isn't legacy-defining just for Usyk; it offers Fury, too, a chance to put his name among the best. While he doesn't have Usyk's amateur resume, he has had a glittering professional career. If he can become the first undisputed champion since Lennox Lewis (1999-2000) and retire undefeated, he will be considered an all-time great.

Historic bout

Fury's promoter Frank Warren talked up the attractions of a potential bout. "He and Usyk would be a really good fight," Warren told the BBC. "It's a fight that I think will be made because both teams would like to see that happen. It's just a matter of where it will generate the most income because it's a unique fight, a historic fight. It's the first time in god knows how long that the four belts are on the line. Both are undefeated. The whole world of boxing will be captivated."

A recent ESPN report said the heavyweight reunification fight could take place in February 2023, but there's still uncertainty over when it will happen – that is, if it does happen at all.

What is certain, however, is that Warren is right about the fight's appeal – not only is it historically significant, it has several selling points, including the in-ring action.

It has the classic 'big man, smaller man' narrative, given the six-inch and potential 20-kg advantage the giant Fury will enjoy. But Fury, interestingly, has looked more comfortable against similar-sized bruisers in the ring and less at ease when dealing with smaller fighters.

Both Usyk and Fury are high-IQ boxers, so the chess-match of strategy and tactics will add another layer to the contest.

How they match up

Usyk is a sublime technical boxer, with such fluid footwork that he controls ring position against every opponent. He is a clinical puncher, using the pawing jab to constantly pressure his rivals and set them up. His agility allows him to evade punishment and quickly counterpunch when the opportunity presents itself. No wonder he's called 'The Cat'. His is a slick, complete style with no weaknesses. He also boxes southpaw, which can trouble some opponents.

Fury, despite his size, is not a plodding, one-tone fighter. He is unpredictable, with that rare ability to adapt his style to the opponent. He can crowd his rival or fight from range. While his footwork isn't as smooth and sharp as Usyk's, it's still exceptional for a man that big, allowing him to create angles to punch. He has a strong defence and an even stronger chin. He is also a master of disrupting the opponent's rhythm with jabs, feints and movement.

Undisputed at last?

"It's a fight with contrasting styles and very different propositions," former heavyweight and cruiserweight champion David Haye told iFL TV. "How does Fury do against smaller good guys? Look at Steve Cunningham. He was a cruiserweight champion and he had success against Fury, but Fury then used his size and just mauled him and ground him to a pulp.

"Is Usyk made of tougher stuff? I think so, I think it's going to be a great fight and I'm really looking forward to it. Finally we're going to get one undisputed champion with no question marks. You've got two guys now who are undisputedly number one and two, however you tally it up. There can be only one, like in highlander, and we'll find out who number one is."

It's too big a fight not to happen. The boxing world will hope Fury can be persuaded into the ring.

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> **[Usyk] was boxing at 75 kilograms as an amateur. 75kg!? This is why I call him a middleweight. I've never said it won't be easy work. All this 'pound-for-pound legend' nonsense, I don't rate him!**
> TYSON FURY

GAME THEORY

Most successful golfers in PGA Tour history

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We take a look at the golfers with the most PGA Tour titles. These titles include tournaments won before the formal beginning of the tour but which the PGA Tour has subsequently ratified after deeming them historically significant

Player	PGA Tour titles	Major titles	Winning span
Sam Snead	82	7	1936-1965
Tiger Woods	82	15	1996-2019
Jack Nicklaus	73	18	1962-1986
Ben Hogan	64	9	1938-1959
Arnold Palmer	62	7	1955-1973
Byron Nelson	52	5	1935-1951
Billy Casper	51	3	1956-1975
Walter Hagen	45	11	1914-1936
Phil Mickelson	45	6	1991-2021
Cary Middlecoff	39	3	1945-1961
Tom Watson	39	8	1974-1998
Gene Sarazen	38	7	1922-1941
Lloyd Mangrum	36	1	1940-1956
Vijay Singh	34	3	1993-2008
Jimmy Demaret	31	3	1938-1957
Horton Smith	30	2	1928-1941
Harry Cooper	29	0	1923-1939
Gene Littler	29	1	1954-1977
Lee Trevino	29	6	1968-1984
Leo Diegel	28	2	1920-1934
Paul Runyan	28	2	1930-1941

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In harmony

Canada's Suzanna Shahbazian shows what she can do with a ribbon in the individual all-around rhythmic gymnastics event at the Commonwealth Games recently.

Rhythmic gymnastics combines aspects of gymnastics, callisthenics and dance, with competitors performing on a floor with an apparatus, accompanied by music.

The ribbon is one of five things a gymnast can work with; the others are a hoop, a ball, a rope, and clubs.

The discipline demands strength, flexibility and agility but also imagination, coordination between body and apparatus, and synchronicity with music.

Gymnasts are judged on the artistry of the performance, the difficulty level and the execution. They perform leaps, balances and rotations while handling the apparatus.

At the international level, only women compete in rhythmic gymnastics, which became an Olympic sport (individual all-around) in the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

The group all-around event was added in Atlanta 1996.

Canada's Lori Fung was the first Olympic gold medallist in rhythmic gymnastics (1984). Spain won the first group all-around gold (1996).

Russia's Evgeniya Kanaeva is the only competitor in history to win two individual all-around Olympic gold medals in rhythmic gymnastics; she triumphed in 2008 and repeated it in 2012.

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Idol processions: Traffic advisory for Yelahanka

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The Bengaluru Traffic Police have issued a traffic diversion notice for Sunday on account of processions for the immersion of Ganesha idols in Yelahanka.

In a statement, the police said these diversions are necessary as about 40 idols will be immersed in the Allalasandra lake, with large processions starting from Vidyaranyapura ground and Sambhram college.

The police have advised the public to avoid the roads which will have procession on Sunday starting from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Over 2 lakh Ganesha idols immersed in notified lakes and mobile tanks

Most of them were earthen; some were made of plaster of Paris, despite a ban on their use

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Over 2 lakh Ganesha idols have been immersed in notified lakes and mobile tankers deployed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) so far. The civic body has put the figure at 2,05,702 idols as of Thursday.

BBMP data shared on Friday shows that 1.91 lakh were earthen idols and 13,733 were made of plaster of Paris (POP), despite a ban on such idols.

For this year's festival, the BBMP had created artificial tanks at 35 lakes in the city and 150 mobile tanks for the immersion of idols, across all eight zones and BBMP wards.

The BBMP officials said that the numbers may go up in the coming days, as many pandals have not yet immersed the idols. "No untoward incident was reported during the immersion," the official added.

Students and teachers celebrating Ganesha Chaturthi at BBMP High School, Ganganagar, on Thursday: • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Over the past two years, the immersion load at the lakes had been relatively low, but the civic body is expecting a return to pre-pandemic levels this year.

The BBMP had launched a crackdown on the use of POP idols to minimise the environmental impact of Ganesha Chaturthi, along with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

BBMP extends date to file objections for draft voters' list

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State Election Commission and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) have extended the date for filing any corrections, if required, for the draft voters' list for the 243 wards of the city published recently.

Earlier, the deadline for filing objections had been fixed for September 2. Now, it has been extended for another seven days, the BBMP said in a statement.

A file photo of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike head office.

Citizens can review their details and make any corrections and the voters' list is also available in all the ward offices. People can also find voter roll information on the VHA (Voter Helpline App) or NVSP (National Voters Service Portal).

According to BBMP, if any name has been left out, or if there are any errors in addition to the names or if anyone wants to delete their name from the voter's list, they can approach the nodal officers or registration officers.

The new draft list says that there are a total of 79,08,394 voters in 243 wards in the city, which includes 41,09,496 males, 37,97,497 females, and 1,401 other voters.

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The High Grounds station police arrested a gang of sandalwood thieves and recovered 147 kg of sandalwood oil and 730 kg of sandalwood, valued at ₹3 crore.

The accused have been identified as Govindaswamy, Maadu, Venkatesh, Ramachandra, Vasim Beig, Ramachandrappa, Nanjegowda, and Varadaraju. According to the police, five of the accused are from Tamil Nadu, and the other three from Karnataka.

The police said the accused had stolen the sandalwood in the range of High Grounds, Sadashivanagar, Jayanagar, Madiwala, K.R. Puram, Yeshwanthpur, and Kengeri forest limits.

Notice to teacher for bringing children to police station

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BELAGAVI

Education department officers have issued a notice to a teacher of the government primary school in Chikkodi for taking some schoolchildren to the local police station to act as witness in a case.

Teachers R.N. Madiwalar and M.K. Jambagi had fought between themselves in the school campus over a property dispute. Mrs. Jambagi went to the police station to complain and took some children along with her. Police said the two teachers were related.

Block Education Officer has issued a notice to Mrs. Jambagi for taking the children to the police station, as the act violates some provisions of the juvenile justice Act.

Deputy director of public instruction M.L. Hanchate said that an inquiry had been ordered.

Timings
BENGALURU

SATURDAY, SEP. 03		
☀ RISE	06:09	SET 18:29
☾ RISE	12:02	SET 23:42
SUNDAY, SEP. 04		
☀ RISE	06:09	SET 18:28
☾ RISE	13:04	SET 00:00
MONDAY, SEP. 05		
☀ RISE	06:09	SET 18:28
☾ RISE	14:07	SET 00:39

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable and humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A slight warm and humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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'Ensure notification of all communicable diseases'

State Health Department has written to the Indian Medical Association and Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes' Association

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The State Health Department has written to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes' Association (PHANA) to make sure all private hospitals mandatorily notify all communicable diseases on the Centre's Integrated Health Information Portal (IHIP).

IHIP, a web-enabled real-time electronic information system, has been developed under the Centre's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) to facilitate mandatory notification on a daily basis.

The platform necessitates private sector participation in developing and linking systems into a common network/grid, which can be accessed by both public and private healthcare providers.

In a letter dated September 1, State Health Commissioner Randeep D. has sought the support and cooperation of the private sector in notifying all communicable diseases for the better health of the community.

> **No consultations were held with us in this regard. This requires a lot of clerical work as the list includes several minor ailments too. However, we issued an advisory to our member hospitals to report all important diseases.**
>
> H.M. PRASANNA,
> PHANA president

"Collaboration with the private sector consistent with data standards and electronic health records will help develop a seamless health information system. Private sector can help create registries of patients and document diseases and health events," the Commissioner said.

Attaching a list of 17 syndromes and 24 diseases, the Commissioner's letter stated: "In the current epidemic of monkeypox and in the context of the goal of achieving 'zero dog mediated human rabies by 2030,' it is essential and mandated to report such cases in IHIP. This will reflect at the national level and help in taking necessary measures for the prevention and control."

IMA and PHANA members have been asked to contact their jurisdictional District Surveillance Officers (DSOs) and the District Health Officers (DHOs) for creating their login/user ID for individual establishments and also training of their staff for data entry in the IHIP portal.

"Private hospitals and nursing homes affiliated to IMA and PHANA have been providing healthcare services to nearly 70% of the population. These associations have been working in coordination with government health agencies and departments."

"While IHIP is well established at the government healthcare facilities, daily reporting and notification of all communicable diseases is required to be done by all private hospitals. This includes medical colleges, nursing homes, clinics, laboratories conducting microbiological examinations and other private practitioners so as to ensure a comprehensive health data management in the portal," the letter added.

PHANA president H.M. Prasanna said it is difficult to comply with the latest instructions. "No consultations were held with us in this regard. This requires a lot of clerical work as the list includes several minor ailments too. However, we issued an advisory to our member hospitals to report all important diseases," he said.

A file photo of fogging being done to prevent the spread of dengue in Mangaluru.

HC declines bail to man allegedly selling drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to grant bail to a 27-year-old man, who was arrested on the charge of supplying narcotic substances to college students, workers in the IT and BT sector, along with a few of his associates in the city.

Justice K. Natarajan passed the order while rejecting the petition filed by Rajesh A., a resident of Bengaluru. The petitioner was working as a warehouse in-charge of a popular pizza outlet in the city.

The court noted that the petitioner cannot be granted bail on the lines of the one granted to two of the other accused, as the former, who is arraigned as accused number 2, was caught red handed along with accused number 1 with narcotic substances.

About 20 grams of LSD strips, 5 kg of ganja, and 230 grams of hashish oil were in their possession, when the police raided their residence, the court noticed from the records. It is not a fit case to enlarge petitioner on bail, when the quantity of narcotic substances seized from the petitioner was of commercial quantity prohibited in law, and the investigation is still under way, the court said.

Lokayukta initiates proceedings against three hospitals for lapses

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Following several lapses found during surprise inspections of major government hospitals in the city, Karnataka Lokayukta B.S. Patil has initiated proceedings against top health officials, administrative heads, and several doctors from three large public hospitals.

He has posted the matter to September 20.

Highlighting several irregularities and deficiencies found during the inspection, the Lokayukta has issued separate orders impleading 55 doctors and administrative heads, apart from the Medical Education Secretary, from Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, five doctors, including the medical superintendent, from Jayanagar General Hospital, and three doctors, including the medical superintendent, from K.C. General Hospital.

Among the lapses they found were doctors not signing attendance register, improper disposal of biomedical waste, absence of help desk personnel, lack of proper maintenance of old and unused equipment, etc.

The Health Secretary, Commissioner, Director, and NHM Mission Director have also been asked to appear and submit their comments on the lapses found.

"Providing adequate medical facilities for people is an essential part of obligations undertaken by the government in a welfare State. Medical officers employed in government hospitals are duty-bound to extend medical assistance to the needy," the orders stated.

Two persons arrested on charge of gang-raping 25-year-old woman

She was on her way to a place of worship

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Two persons were arrested by the Viveknagar police on Friday, on the charge of gang-raping a woman on the pretext of giving her a drop.

The accused were identified as Akhilesh from Ballari and Deepu J.L. from Hassan.

A 25-year-old woman had complained about the crime that took place on Wednesday night. According to the complaint, the victim was on her way to a place of worship, when the accused offered to give her a lift and took her to a deserted area in Huskoor.

After raping her, they allegedly threatened her not to tell anyone about the matter. The woman filed a police complaint later.

IN THE COURT OF III ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE AT RAMANAGARA
PROBATE & SUCCESSION No. 32 / 2022
Sri.G.V.C.RAJAN, S/o. Late G.T.Gubbanna, Aged about 66 years, Residing at No.204, 15th 'B' Cross, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru – 560 086 ...**PETITIONER** -Vs- **Nil... RESPONDENT**
PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, the above named Petitioner has filed a Petition under Section 276 of Indian Succession Act, 1925, praying for issuing Probate in respect of Last Will dated 21/09/2017 bearing registered Document No. GAN-3-00137-2017-18, stored in Book-III, C.D. No. GAND298, registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, executed by Late G.H.Vimalambika, in favour of Petitioner herein, in respect of the Schedule Property of the said Petition.
Interested parties are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **23rd day September 2022 at 11-00 Am** in forenoon to show cause against the Petition, failing which wherein the matter will be heard and determined.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.19, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, admeasuring 1500 sq.ft., carved out of duly converted land bearing Sy.No.8/3,9/3, 9/4, 10/5, 11/2 & 11/4, situated at 'Sankeshwar Sun Shine City', Peddanapalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, and formed pursuant to approval of layout plan by Magadi Planning Authority bearing No.MPA.LAO/19/2009-10, dated 09/04/2010, is bounded on East by: Road, West by : Site No.16 & 17, North by: Site No.20, South by : Site No.18.
This draft is issued on 26 day of August, 2022.
By Order of the Court, Chief Administrative Officer, District & Sessions Court, Ramanagar.
Address for service:
Sri. Prashanth U.T. Advocate, 'Nyaya Kuteera' No. 110/1, 4th Main, 9th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru -560 003

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that our clients(1). **Hariharan Dhandapani** & (2). **Nithya Lakshmanan** are the absolute owners of the Schedule property and General Power of Attorney dated 26/11/2008 executed by the previous owner Dharanendra Rai in favour of Nataraj V Shetty in respect of the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder is lost while shifting the house and our clients had filed a complaint in respect of this to Bengaluru City police Unit immediately after coming to their knowledge.
Any person/s having found the same may kindly be returned to the undersigned or to the jurisdictional within 14 days from the date of this publication and if any person misusing the original one shall be prosecuted and if any one entering into any transaction without our client's knowledge with any third party our client shall not be responsible for the same.
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
Flat bearing **No.C-808**, Eighth Floor of '**COVENTRY**' Block in the apartment Known as '**BRIGADE METROPOLIS**' measuring 1290 Sq. Feet of Super built up area, along with one covered car parking space in the Ground level together with 494.48 Sq. feet undivided share in the Plot No. 1 formed in SY No. 73/1, (Part) 73/2,(Part) 74,(Part) 75,(Part), 76/1, (Part) 76/2 (Part) 77/1, 78,79,80/1,80/2,81/1 and 81/2 of Mahadvepaura Village, KR Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.
Sd/-
Akhila & Associates, Advocates
#121, LRDE Layout Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.
Phone: 9741300393

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar 841221
E-Tender Notice No. 07/RWP/Engg./2022-23/WT/(Open) Date:-31/08/2022 The Dy.CE/RWP/Bela for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Online **"e- Open Tender"** through Indian Railways E-Procurement Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in** for the following works as detailed: **1. Name of the work and Location, Approximate cost, Earnest money and Completion period of the work: Tender No.**-26_RWP_Engg_22_ 23_WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Maintenance and Operation of STP Plant for 8 Hour per day for four years at Rail Wheel Plant, Bela. **Approximate cost- Rs.62,16,000/- Tender form Cost-** Nil **Earnest money- Rs.1,24,300/- Completion period of the work** - 48 Months **Tender No.**-27_ RWP_Engg_22_23_ WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Repair to damage irregular floor surface of JMP & SPG area with provision of MS plate over concrete floor to keep the surface flushed to one level in WFPS & mould at RWP/Bela. **Approximate cost-Rs.77,34,988/- Tender form Cost-** Nil **Earnest money- Rs.1,54,700/- Completion period of the work** - 06 Months **2. Tender closing date and time:** 30.09.2022 upto 12:30 Hrs. **3. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be obtained and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.** The above tender can be submitted only by the date and time as mentioned in the notice. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in.** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal **[www.ireps.gov.in]** for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.
Dy. Chief Engineer/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT./2022-23/56

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/22-23/CYS-44 Date: 02.09.2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)
KPTCL invites E-Tenders in the prescribed form from Reputed Electrical Contractors Possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License on **Total Turnkey Basis** for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere. **Bid Enquiry No.** KPTCL/SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/25 Date: 30.08.2022. Overhauling and Re-conditioning of 100MVA BHEL Make Power Transformer-1 at 220/66/11 SRS Davanagere in TL&SS Division KPTCL Davanagere. Tenders will be accepted through e-Procurement mode only. For further details prospective bidders are advised to log on to website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & Click on to hyperlink **e-Procurement-KPTCL** to participate in e-Procurement portal **on or after 03.09.2022.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the public in General that my Client i.e. **SMT. RAMYA PRABHAKAR**, W/o. Sri. Prabhakar.S, aged about 36 years, R/at No.433/D, Red Tree Grand G1, 7th B Main Road, 9th Cross, Narayananagar 3rd Block, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062, is intent to purchase the Site No.830, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, situated at **BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE**, 2nd Block Layout, Bangalore and measuring East to West 6.00 Meters and North to South 9.00 Meters, totally measuring 54.00 Square Meters, the descriptions of the property hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property"**. Hence, on 01.09.2022, my client Smt. Ramya Prabhakar and property owner Sri. Maruti Ganapati Patgar have entered into Agreement of Sale in respect of the Schedule Property.
This is further inform to the Public that, if any person/s having any claim, objections, or interest over the Schedule Property shall be send their objections /claims to the below mentioned address within **07 days** along with all their necessary documents, otherwise my client would be complete the Deed of Sale transaction with Sri. Maruti Ganapti Patgar in respect of the Schedule Property. If any objections/claims would come, after **07 days** from the date of this public notice cannot be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE property bearing **Site No.830**, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, situated at **BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE**, 2nd Block Layout, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 6.00 Meters and North to South: 9.00 Meters, totally measuring **54.00 Square Meters** and bounded on the: **East by:** Site No.829, **West by:** Site No. 831, **North by:** Road and **South by:** Private Property.
COUNSEL ADDRESS:
B.E. SHREEDHAR, Advocate
Office at No. 15, 1st Floor, HAL Building, 1st Cross, C.K.C Garden, K.H. Road, near HCG Hospital, Bengaluru-560027.
Mobile: 9964125501
Email: sriramadvo@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general Public that my client is intending to purchase the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.41, measuring 2 Acres 15 Guntas and Sy.No.35 measuring 30 Guntas out of 2 Acres 15 Guntas, situated at Binnamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter called as the Schedule Property from its owner **Smt.T. Nandini W/o. Late Muddappa and Master Druvan M.Gowda S/o. Late Muddappa.** The owners of the above said land have handed over the xerox copies of the documents in respect of the above said land to my client. Any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, share in the Schedule Property may file their objections to the undersigned with documentary proof, **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice and if no valid objections are received within stipulated time, my client will proceed with assumptions that, there are no objections or claims of whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the schedule property from my client. Any objection received after 10 days will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the land in accordance with law.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.41, measuring 2 Acres 15 guntas situated at Binnamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: **East by :** Land bearing Sy.No.35, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.40, **North by:** Land bearing Sy.No.42, **South by :** Land bearing Sy.No.38
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.35, measuring 30 guntas out of 2 Acres 15 Guntas, situated at Binnamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: **East by :** Land bearing Sy.No.34, **West by :** Land bearing Sy.No.41, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.43, **South by :** Land belongs to Sri Yellappa.
J. S. DINESH, Advocate
No.74, "Mathrushree", 76" Cross, 12" "E" Main Road, 6" Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru- 560 010.
Ph: 9448020528, 080-23300528
Date :02-09-2022, Place : Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase Immovable Property bearing No.148/4, Doddigunta, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.85, PID No.85-38-148/4. Site measuring 201.59951 Square Meters. (earlier Doddigunta Grama old Corporation No.62, still older No.148) from **(1) Mr. K. SURESH, (2) Mrs. M. RATHNA, (3) Mr. PAVAN KUMAR.S, (4) Mr. PUNEETH KUMAR.S, (5) Miss. BHARGAVI.S., (Minor) D/o. Mr. K. Suresh,** minor represented by her Father and Natural Guardian **Mr. K. SURESH.**
If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within **7 days** from today failing which our client will get the Sale Deed registered and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.
K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES, Advocates, No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414.
E-mail: peresoffice@gmail.com

FORM NO.16
[See Regulation 35 (1)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
DEPTT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BENGALURU.
Jeevan Mangal Building (2nd Floor), No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025.
TRC No. 428/2019
Punjab National Bank,
Hudson Circle Branch,
Vokkaligara Sangha Building
Bengaluru-560027.
Certificate Holder Bank
Versus
Mr K Dayanand And Others
Certificate Debtor/Defendants
DEMAND NOTICE
1. Sri. K. Dayanand, S/o Mr Karkala Ganapathi,
No. 201, 3rd D Cross, 7th Main, Maruthi Layout, Bengaluru - 560061.
2. Smt D. Sree Shaila, W/o Mr. K. Dayanand
No. 201, 3rd D Cross, 7th Main, Maruthi Layout, Bengaluru - 560061.
3. Mr Chandrappa G.N, S/o N Gangachannaiah
Residing at No.27, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, RGI Colony, Lakshminarayanapura, Bengaluru-560021.
Certificate Debtor/Defendants
In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in OA/370/2018 passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on Dtd. **05.10.2019** an amount of of **Rs. 1,88,30,987.00 (Rupees One Crore Eighty Eight Lakh(s) Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling of O.A.S till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS 31ST AUGUST 2019.
SD/-
RECOVERY OFFICER-2
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE.
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur,
NO.19/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/MVS/AE-1/2022-23/1449
Date:30.08.2022
Short-term Tender Notification
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement At 2000, tenders are invited from the contractors Registered in Public Works Dept upto 2020-25 (class-1 and Above) through standard Tender Document of work KW-4 for the works of "PROVIDING DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FACILITES TO 403 HABITATIONS (SURROUNDING 5 HABITATIONS OF TURVEKERE TALUKA) OF TIPTUR TALUKA, TUMKUR DISTRICT" on DBOT basis Under Jal Jeevan Mission Under Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division Tumkur. EMD in e-payment may be paid through Credit/Debit cards.
Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **29.09.2022** Upto 16.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting : Date:08.09.2022 at 11.00 A M Venue, Office of the Chief Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Department 1st Floor, KHB Complex, Cauvery Bhavan, E Block, Bangalore - 560009 **(3)** Technical Opening of Bids: **30.09.2022** at 17.30PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids: **03.10.2022** at 11.00 AM onwards. **(5)** Time of the Completion of works: 18 Months. **(6)** Amount put Tender: **Rs.345.12Crores (7)** EMD Amount in **Rs.3,45,00,000/-.**
For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executve Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/464/MCA/2022-23

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AND: Smt. Anjana Srinivas, W/o late Srinivas, aged about 38 years, R/at: No. 197-A, 7th Cross, Prakash Nagar, Bengaluru-21.
Also at: C/o Narasimhashetty Retired Superintendent, Dept. of Industries & Commerce, No.1516, 17th Main, 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru - 560078. ... **RESPONDENT**
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
WHEREAS, the above named petitioners have filed the above petition for allotment and to put the petitioners on possession of their respective shares as per the judgment and decree passed in OS. No. 64/2015 dated 08.03.2018 in respect of the suit schedule properties. That, you are arrayed as respondent in the said petition.
You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a Pleader on **15-09-2022** at about 11 a.m., at the Court of THE ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC, AT RAMANAGAR, to answer all the material questions relating to the above case, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No. 1: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy. No. 116/4 measuring 0-37 guntas, situated at Annahalli Village, Kailancha Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & District and bounded on the **East by:** Government Halla, **West by:** Remaining land in Sy. No. 125, **North by:** Durgojirao Shinde's land, **South by:** Kalegowda and Bheemegowda's land.
Item No.2: All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy. No. 125/6 measuring 0-31 guntas, situated at Annahalli Village, Kailancha Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & District and bounded on the **East by:** Land in Sy. No. 116/3, **West by:** Remaining land in Sy. No. 125/5, **North by:** Durgojirao Shinde's land, **South by:** Kalegowda and Bheemegowda's land.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 21-07-2022.
By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Civil Judge (Sr. Dvn.) and JMFC Court, Ramanagara.
Advocate for Petitioners:
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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENCH AT BENGALURU
COMPANY PETITION NO: C.P. (CAA) No. 32/BB/2022
Connected with
CA (CAA) No.14/BB/2022
(In the matter of Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016)
In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation between
M/s EMC IT Solutions India Private Limited (CIN: U72900KA2011PTC075629)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956
Having its registered office at **Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos.12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 071.**
(....Transferor Company 1 / Applicant Company 1)
M/s. EMC Technology India Private Limited (CIN: U74899KA1994PTC075626)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956
Having its registered office at **Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos.12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 071.**
(....Transferor Company 2 / Applicant Company 2)
M/s.EMC Software & Services India Private Limited (CIN:U72900KA1998PTC152948)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956
Having its registered office at **Moonstone Building, Block B, Bagmane World Technology Centre-SEZORR, Mahadevapura, Bangalore - 560037**
(....Transferor Company 3 / Applicant Company 3)
With
M/s Dell International Services India Private Limited (CIN: U74999KA1996FTC055568)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956.
Having its Registered office at **Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos. 12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 071**
(....Transferee Company / Applicant Company 4)
And
Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION
Take Notice that a petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation for the merger of Transferor Companies, EMC IT Solutions India Private Limited (Transferor Company 1), EMC Technology India Private Limited (Transferor Company 2) and EMC Software and Services India Private Limited (Transferor Company 3) with Dell International Services India Private Limited (Transferee Company)and their Respective Shareholders and Creditors was presented by the Applicants on June 08, 2022 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on September 15, 2022 situated at Corporate Bhavan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru, 560001, Karnataka.
Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Transferor Company 3 at the Registered Office situated at Moonstone Building, Block B Bagmane World Technology Centre-SEZ ORR, Mahadevapura Bangalore- 560037, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate with his name and address so as to reach to the registered office of Transferor Company 3 not later than 2 (Two) days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.
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Localisation improves the standard of living and brings in the best of technologies, machines and data to the people of the country, says **SEBI JOSEPH**

Looking beyond global supply chains

Localisation has been gaining momentum through the 'Make in India' movement, and the pandemic has certainly accelerated it even further. A localisation strategy is a long-term plan that guides a business to adapt its product to the culture and language of different target markets. The ultimate goal of this strategy is framing how the company will position itself in a new market in order to make the transition as smooth as possible. Businesses are now witnessing sustainability, environmental and social benefits with localisation because it focuses on long-term strategies that are adaptive to the dynamic environment. Small- to multi-billion dollar businesses have adopted localisation strategy to achieve their sustainability goals. Let's look at a few points that make localisation of manufacturing an imperative for companies.

Business sustainability

Today, we are living in a global village where businesses work in a connected ecosystem. With localisation of manufacturing, businesses look beyond the restricted global supply chains and focus on local procurement of materials. In line with this, businesses can expect faster turnaround time and greater cost efficiencies. Hence, business localisation comes across as a model to lead a sustainable business for the future.

When businesses are able to source locally, they save on import duty and other taxes. Furthermore, the efforts that are taken by the government like the Skill India programme, the Ease of Doing Business policies, and Foreign Direct Investments have contributed to the success of business localisation. The incentives by the government act as a gateway for businesses to fulfil local needs and those of international markets, aiding in export growth and the associated inflow of revenue.

Apart from import duties, when importing raw materials, products, semi-finished goods, and machinery from other parts of the world, businesses also have to bear the cost of logistics and transport to bring the materials from where they were produced to their final destination. Since localisation leverages local sourcing, the transportation distance – and associated cost – are reduced by a great extent. This allows companies to price their products competitively to sustain themselves in the market. Additionally, businesses can redirect these expenditures to initiatives such as customising products and investing in research and development and technology, depending on the local needs and conditions.

India is the fastest growing population in the world. As the population grows, the need for better jobs and a higher standard of living become a necessity.

Community welfare

Through localisation, businesses create job opportunities for locals and strengthen the local economy. The jobs present an opportunity for the locals to build a specialised skill set for their overall career development. Furthermore, businesses give back to the community through corporate social responsibility initiatives, such as engaging in community development around the facility areas.

Employing locals puts the spending power in the hands of the Indian youth, which ultimately gives a boost to the economy and increases the GDP of the country. While India has a diverse youth population, localisation of manufacturing brings in a pool of talent that pushes the companies towards innovation. While localisation improves the standard of living, it brings in the best of technologies, machines and global data to the people of the country.

And since procurement of raw materials takes place at a local level, these benefits also apply to the local suppliers. With the localisation of manufacturing comes the financial stability of the communities that helps them become more self-reliant and enables the country in improving its poverty index and standard of living index.

Fewer emissions

With customers being more environmentally conscious, many are reviewing their business policies to reduce their carbon footprint. Customers are preferring environmentally friendly products with fewer waste emissions. Businesses can reduce their carbon emissions by locating manufacturing hubs closer to customers and increasing local procurement of raw materials. This way, local manufacturing and shorter supply chains reduce the global movement of materials and goods, which is a major cause of CO_2 emissions.

In conclusion, the rise in population will lead to a corresponding rise in demands, and businesses must adapt to sustainably meet those demands. As a country of 1.3 billion people, it is absolutely necessary to meet our domestic needs and build on our export capabilities by making India a manufacturing hub. This can be done with the right government policies and the understanding by business that localisation can be a route to sustainable growth.

In the elevator and escalator industry, leading players are adopting business localisation strategies in India for the benefit of the business, people, and planet. They support small-scale enterprises, embrace diversity, and prioritise the well-being of people along with profits.

The writer is president, Otis India.

> Community development is one of the major benefits

Workplace reforms

Occupancy studies found that office space was frequently unused prior to the outbreak of pandemic. More organisations now recognize this gap and are now aiming to use the office efficiently. If not activity-based workplaces, companies are likely to embrace desk-sharing for some employees. This style of structure not only provides for efficient space utilisation but also gives occupants greater control over their area and frequently includes more collaborative work zones.

Companies are thinking about how to turn their workplace into not only an efficient setting, but also the ideal environment for their employees' productivity, wellness, and overall engagement as they got closer to resuming mainstream office-based employment.

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Owing to a combination of pent-up demand and expansion, occupiers have already started to realign their post peak-pandemic business strategies.

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Murugha mutt seer remanded in police custody till Monday

Seer taken from jail to hospital and finally to police custody

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

The head of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, arrested on Thursday night in connection with the alleged sexual harassment of minor girls, was on Friday remanded in police custody till September 5 following court's direction.

The day saw dramatic developments, with the Lingayat seer being shifted from prison to hospital and then to police custody.

Early in the day, the seer, facing charges under POCSO Act, was shifted from Chitradurga prison to district hospital after he complained of chest pain. The next few hours saw a team of doctors being called and several tests being conducted.

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, prime accused in the case of sexual harassment of minor girls, being brought to Chitradurga district court on Friday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bid to shift to Bengaluru

Soon, reports emerged that the seer had been advised to be shifted to Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology in Bengaluru for cardiac treatment. An application was filed before the Second Additional District and Sessions Court seeking permission to shift him. Jail Superintendent Akkamahadevi, who had shifted the seer to district hospital, had filed the application seeking the court's permission.

Meanwhile, the district police made a plea seeking five-day custody of the seer for questioning. In the afternoon, when the case came up for hearing, judge B.K. Komala asked the applicants to produce supporting medical reports, but the applicant failed to do so. The judge then directed them to produce the seer before the court personally immediately and adjourned the hearing.

Quickly summoned

Following this direction, the scene at the district hospital, where preparations were reportedly being made to shift the seer to Bengaluru, suddenly changed. A huge posse of police personnel was deployed at the hospital and the traffic was cleared to take the seer to the court.

After he was produced before the court on a wheelchair, the judge granted the police three-day custody of the seer and asked the investigating officer to provide required medical assistance to him while under custody.

Second arrest

In a related development, the district police arrested warden of the hostel run by the mutt, the second accused in the case filed under POCSO Act. The police had taken her into custody on Thursday for questioning and had lodged her at 'Santvana Kendra' in Chitradurga.

It may be recalled that the warden has filed a complaint against S.K. Basavarajan, administrator of the mutt (now dismissed), and his wife, alleging sexual harassment and kidnap of girls. The couple was granted bail on Thursday.

Superintendent of Police K. Parashuram said notices would be issued to the three other accused in the case asking them to appear before the police for questioning.

'Don't grant him bail'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Various organisations on Friday staged a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru condemning several incidents in which women and Dalits have been denied justice.

One of their key demands was that seer of Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, accused of sexually harassing two minor girls, should not be granted bail. The protesters urged that the girls who were sexually abused should get all the legal aid they are entitled to.

State vice-president of All India Democratic Women's Association K.S. Vimala, one of those who spoke at the protest, demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi to express his opinion about the order by which 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano rape case were granted remission.

Sainath returns award given by Murugha Mutt

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

P. Sainath, journalist and founder of People's Archive of Rural India, on Friday returned Basavashree Award conferred on him by the Murugha Mutt in Chitradurga, in solidarity with the minor girls who have alleged that they were sexually abused by the head of mutt, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru.

"No words are strong enough to condemn any such offences against children. In solidarity with the survivors and with the cause of justice in this case, I hereby return the Basavashree award (and the ₹5 lakh prize money that came with it, by cheque) conferred on me by the mutt in 2017," Mr. Sainath said in his statement.

He also had a word of praise for Mysuru-based NGO Odanadi that brought the incident to light. "I appeal to the Karnataka government to pursue the investigation into the scandal vigorously and not allow that to be compromised on any grounds whatsoever," he said.

Govt. is keen on strengthening maritime sector: Prime Minister

Modi inaugurates three projects, launches five new ones in Mangaluru

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the government was keenly working on strengthening the maritime sector, both on defence and economic fronts, for the overall development of the country.

Speaking after inaugurating several completed projects and launching new ones related to New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd., (MRPL) here, Mr. Modi noted the country's first indigenously built aircraft carrier, INS Vikranth, was dedicated to the nation in Kochi a few hours before the Mangaluru programme by him. Immediately thereafter, he was launching projects worth ₹3,800 crore connected to the port in Mangaluru, he said.

Mr. Modi said the government was strengthening port-related infrastructure in a big way realising the potential of ports. Nearly 250 new projects were identified for port connectivity across the country while several were already completed. Because of these initiatives, the capacity of Indian ports had doubled in the last eight years – that was equal to the capacities created since the Independence till 2014.

He further said there was a significant increase in coastal traffic over the years with government efforts. The movement of coastal cargo had become easier due to increased facilities and resources at ports.

The government was also keen on green growth and green job creation, Mr. Modi said adding that focus on utilisation of natural gas imported through ports helps in green development.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating several completed projects and launching new ones related to NMPA and MRPL in Mangaluru on Friday. • H.S. MANJUNATH

'Double engine' govt.

The Prime Minister also spoke about development in Karnataka through the "double engine" government. Highway projects worth ₹70,000 crore were complete in eight years while projects worth ₹1 lakh crore were under progress. Railways had also witnessed four times growth while railway electrification was being implemented in a speedy manner. Focus was on exploiting the potential of 7,500-km coastline of the country by developing tourism and allied industries. With economic growth, people in the country too could afford cruise tourism while ports were prepared to handle cruise vessels. The NMPA had handled over 25,000 cruise tourists in the last season, he noted.

Revised CRZ master plan

Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai said the Union government had approved the revised draft Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) master plan for Karnataka. He said the approval would help tourism development in coastal Karnataka on the lines of Goa. The new plan was by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as per the 2019 notification.

Mr. Bommai said the Union government had also approved a port at Majali in Uttara Kannada district at a cost of ₹350 crore.

Siddaramaiah takes to social media, questions Prime Minister on various issues

Posers included those on merger of banks, handing over of MIA to Adani Group

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah took to social media to question if Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Mangaluru was for "vikasa" (development) or "vinasha" (destruction).

In a series of tweets, the former Chief Minister said he welcomed Mr. Modi to Mangaluru, but appealed to the Prime Minister to answer a series of questions during his address at his official programme in the coastal city. He tagged the rhetorical question – "Is it development or destruction?" – to all the issues raised.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that senior entrepreneurs of Dakshina Kannada had founded five banks: SyndicateBank, Corporation Bank, Vijaya Bank, Canara Bank, and Karnataka Bank. Of them, three (SyndicateBank, Corporation Bank and Vijaya Bank) have been "destroyed" (through their merger).

Siddaramaiah

In another tweet, he said the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and then Member of Parliament from the Congress late U. Srinivas Mallya were responsible for the establishment of Mangaluru International Airport (MIA) or the erstwhile Bajpe Airport on December 25, 1971. The present Union government led by Mr. Modi handed it over to the Adani Group on October 20, 2020.

Over to Adani

The former Chief Minister further said the present New Mangalore Port Authority or the erstwhile New Mangalore Port Trust was the gift of the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi through the efforts of Srinivas Mallya. "Now, Mr. Modi is selling it to his industrialist friend Adani phase by phase," he said.

He said the Members of Parliament from the Congress were also responsible for the setting up of the erstwhile Karnataka Regional Engineering College which is now the National Institute of Technology - Karnataka at Surathkal in Mangaluru.

Mr. Siddaramaiah claimed that the police had seized drugs worth ₹1 crore in Dakshina Kannada in June alone. Dakshina Kannada occupied second place in the country in the consumption of drugs. He said the Karnataka government spent ₹250 crore for preventing sea erosion in the past three-and-a-half years. "In that, 40% went to the pockets of elected representatives and 60% went to sea. But sea erosion continued."

There is huge potential for exports of value-added agri-products: Shobha

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Indian farmers need affordable machinery and technologies to expand production and come up with value-added products for export markets, said Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in Bengaluru, on Friday.

At the 7th International Exhibition and Conference EIMA Agrimach India 2022 in Bengaluru, the Minister said the country currently produced 314 million tonnes of cereals and 334 million tonnes of fruits and vegetables. However, she said, the country required affordable and quality food processing, agri-marketing and agri-export avenues to create value for the country's agri-produce.

Ms. Karandlaje encouraged equipment manufacturers and technology developers to manufacture food-processing machinery so that food waste is reduced. "Instead of wasting, through processing and value addition, the food could be exported to nations with limited food production avenues," she added.

She also noted that with 2023 being the 'International year of millets', India could step up exports as the country was the leading producer of millets.

Murugesh R. Nirani, Minister of Large and Medium Industries, said increased efforts were needed for technology improvement, adoption, and exports in the food sector. "We want foreign industry participants to introduce affordable mechanised farming, given farmland holdings in Karnataka are small," said the Minister.

Sack Anand Singh from Cabinet, says Congress

FIR has been registered against him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Congress leaders V.S. Ugrappa and V.Y. Ghorpade on Friday urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to sack Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology B.S. Anand Singh from the State Cabinet, following a first information report (FIR) being registered against him.

Speaking to reporters here, the Congress leaders alleged that the "double engine" government had not been working for the welfare of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities in the State.

In a complaint, D. Polappa, a Dalit farmer, has alleged that he was threatened with murder as he had exposed Mr. Singh's encroachment of government land for his new bungalow in Hosapete.

HC-monitored probe

The Congress leaders demanded a High Court-monitored probe against Mr. Singh to ensure justice for the Dalit family. If Mr. Bommai did not take action to sack Mr. Singh, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot should instruct the Chief Minister to drop Mr. Singh from the Ministry, Mr. Ugrappa said.

31 teachers selected for awards

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State government announced annual awards for 31 teachers for 2022-23, ahead of Teachers' Day on September 5.

Twenty teachers from primary schools and 11 from high schools have been selected for the awards.

In Savitribai's name

The awards will be given to women teachers in the name of social reformer Savitribai Phule.

The State teachers' awards will be presented on September 5, at the Vidhana Soudha, Banquet Hall.

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

1. Applications are invited by the Officer Commanding Establishment, HQ K&K Sub Area to fill 07 posts i.e., Steno II-01, MTS (Messenger) - 04, MTS (Daftry)-01, MTS (Safaiwala)-01.

2. For further detailed information plesse refer to **EMPLOYMENT NEWS Weekly issue of 27 Aug 2022, Page No. 25. Officer Commanding Establishment HQ K&K Sub Area.**

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Regional Office : Leo Shopping Complex, 44/45, Residency Road Cross, Bangalore-560025. Ph: 080 46616100, 46616141
CIN : U66010DL1947 GOI 007158, www.orientalinsurance.org.in

OFFICE PREMISES ON LEASE BASIS

Sealed offers are invited in Two Bid system for acquiring commercial premises on rent in the shape of hall/halls having approximate Carpet Area 1500 sq.ft. (including Bath Room, Lavatory, Verandahs etc..) in Chamrajpet/ Mysore Road Bangalore, for a minimum period of 9 years lease. The premises should be in ready to move in position, having power back up of 15 KW, separate toilets for ladies and gents, with proper ventilation, Parking and should be located on wide road having good approach for entry . The format for bids may be obtained from the above referred Regional Office address during office hours latest by **09.09.2021** or may be downloaded from our company website **www.orientalinsurance.org.in** (Tenders).
Last Date to submit Bid: **21.09.2022 5.00 p.m.**
Sd/- Regional Manager

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ:-08375-228860 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್:-cdpobyadgi@gmail.com

No. DWCD/2022/23/IND1708 Dated 01.09.2022

TENDER SCHEDULE-DURING THE YEAR 2022-23 EGG SHORT TERM RE-TENDER

1) Tender Reference No : No. DWCD/2022/23/IND1708 dated **01.09.2022, 2)** Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in : From **01.09.2022, 3)** Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting : - **4)** Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in eProcurement Portal:- **5)** Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in eProcurement portal **15.09.2022** up to **5:00** PM, **6)** Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids:**17.09.2022 11:00 AM, 7)** Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids: **22.09.2022 11:00 AM, 8)** Place of opening of Tenders:e-Procurement Portal, **9)** EMD AMOUNT : **150755/-, 10)** Total Tender Amount : **15075504/-, 11)** Address for Communication:Office of the Child Development Project Officer Department of Women and Child Development KAKOL ROAD OLD TAHASHILDAR OFFICE, BYADGI Phone: **+919945365172,STD code-08375,landline number-228860 Email: cdpobyadgi@gmail.com**
Sd/- Child Development Project Office Byadgi
DIPR/Haveri/242/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENCH AT BENGALURU
COMPANY PETITION NO: C.P. (CAA) No. 32/BB/2022
Connected with
CA (CAA) No.14/BB/2022

(In the matter of Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016)

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(...Transferor Company 1 / Applicant Company 1)

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(...Transferee Company / Applicant Company 4)
And
Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

Take Notice that a petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation for the merger of Transferor Companies, EMC IT Solutions India Private Limited (Transferor Company 1), EMC Technology India Private Limited (Transferor Company 2) and EMC Software and Services India Private Limited (Transferor Company 3) with Dell International Services India Private Limited (Transferee Company)and their Respective Shareholders and Creditors was presented by the Applicants on June 08, 2022 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on September 15, 2022 situated at Corporate Bhavan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru, 560001, Karnataka.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Transferor Company 2 at the Registered Office situated at Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos.12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560071, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate with his name and address so as to reach to the registered office of Transferor Company 2 not later than 2 (Two) days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.

A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of prescribed charges for the same.

For, EMC Technology India Private Limited
Sd/-
Manish Gupta (Director)
DIN: 08694090

Date : 02.09.2022
Place : Bengaluru

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For, EMC IT Solutions India Private Limited
Sd/-
Kiran Prasad Hegde (Director)
DIN:06606266

Date : 02.09.2022
Place : Bengaluru

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT PROJECT CORDINATOR
SAMGRA SHIKSHA UDAIPUR (RAJ.) (DIET Hostel, DIET Campus, Goverdhan Vilas, Udaipur)
e-mail: adpcsmsaudaipur@gmail.com
ADPC/SMSA/UDAI/2022-23/ 929 Date: 29.08.2022

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for supply of school furniture are invited from interested bidders up to 19/09/2022 at 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1.96 Crore. UBN. RSE2223GLRC01619.
District Project Cordinator
Samagra Shikhsha, Udaipur
Raj/Samwad/C/7138/2022-2023

Karnataka Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board
(Department of Labour)
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, ITI Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029.
Ph: 080-29753350, E-mail: karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com
No: KBOCWWB/E-Auction/ FD-3&FD3-2/CR-04/2022-23 Date: 02.09.2022

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

Sub: Inviting E-Auction for interest rate bids on Investment of Surplus Funds in Fixed Deposit/ Non-callable for one year through E-Portal, Government of Karnataka.

Board is inviting competitive rate of interest through e-bidding on the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka from the Regional / Zonal / Head Offices of the Nationalized banks for Non-callable Fixed / Term Deposits of 'Surplus funds' of approx. Rs. 300.00 crore (Rupees Three Hundred crore only) & Rs. 300.00 crore (Rupees Three Hundred crore only) for one year. E-Auction documents should be submitted electronically through e-Procurement portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sl. No.	Approx. Amount	Last date for uploading the documents
1	300 crores	08.09.2022 before 16:00 Hrs.
2	300 crores	09.09.2022 before 16:00 Hrs.

For further information please contact Deputy Secretary (Admin) of the Board Phone: 080-29753350 / 54 / 56, Mob: 9448533794 during office hours.
Sd/-
Joint Secretary, KB&OCWWB
DIPR/CP/LC/2034/2022-23

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Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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Kerala Speaker Rajesh set to become Minister in reshuffle

Two-time MLA and party State Committee member Shamseer to be new Speaker

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The election of Kerala Minister for Local Self-Government and Excise M.V. Govindan as State secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] has necessitated a reconstitution of the Pinarayi Vijayan Cabinet.

A CPI(M) State secretariat communique said Mr. Govindan would resign from the Ministry. Instead, Speaker M.B. Rajesh, 51, will swear in as a Minister. A.N. Shamseer, 45, will replace Mr. Rajesh as the Assembly Speaker.

M.B. Rajesh (left), A.N. Shamseer

The communication fuelled speculation that Mr. Rajesh would inherit Mr. Govindran's Cabinet responsibilities. Mr. Govindan was primarily responsible for implementing the government's flagship Life Mission project, which provides free and modern housing to poor and landless families.

Mr. Govindan later handed over his resignation to the Chief Minister. The government has tentatively scheduled the swearing-in of Mr. Rajesh on September 6.

The government sent Mr. Govindan's resignation by special messenger to the Raj Bhavan. Governor Arif Mohammed Khan is in New Delhi and is scheduled to return to Kerala on September 5.

The CPI(M) secretariat reportedly reckoned Mr. Rajesh had acquitted himself well as Speaker. It felt Mr. Rajesh had earned respect on either side of the aisle through his notable rulings, especially on gender and ethical issues, non-partisan approach to legislators, and fair interpretation of Assembly rules and proceedings.

The CPI(M) considers Mr. Shamseer, a two-time MLA and party State committee member, an apt replacement for Mr. Rajesh. Mr. Shamseer has often thrust himself into heated Assembly debates, often taunting Opposition legislators in one-to-one exchanges shouted across the aisle.

POCSO court grants bail to Walayar case accused

Action council to strengthen agitation

STAFF REPORTER
PALAKKAD

The POCSO court in Palakkad of Kerala on Friday granted bail to two of the accused in the Walayar minor sisters' death case.

The court released first accused V. Madhu and third accused Shibu on conditional bail after their counsel convinced the court that they had not influenced any of the witnesses while they had been out on bail earlier.

The court, however, banned Madhu and Shibu from entering Palakkad district for six months. They will have to appear at the CBI office at Thiruvananthapuram on alternate Saturdays. They were also proscribed from leaving Kerala.

The CBI finding that the death of the two minor sisters was due to suicide, also prompted the court to grant bail to the accused.

The victim's mother said here on Friday that revocation of the bail of the accused would lead to influencing of the witnesses.

The action council for Walayar Justice, blamed the CBI for the bail to the accused. The action council said in a statement here on Friday that they would strengthen the agitation.

The case, in which rape and murder were alleged, sparked an outrage and invited national attention when the POCSO Court here exonerated all the accused for want of evidence in October 2019.

The elder sibling was found hanging at their house at Attappallam, near Walayar, in January 2017. Her younger sister was also found hanging in the same room in March 2017.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places likely over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning at isolated places likely over Jammu, Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	6.0	32.6	27.0
Ahmedabad	3.0	34.2	26.1
Aizawl	3.0	26.8	21.5
Allahabad	–	35.2	27.5
Bengaluru	11.9	27.4	20.0
Bhopal	7.0	31.3	23.4
Bhubaneswar	–	35.7	25.9
Chandigarh	–	34.5	26.9
Chennai	–	34.9	24.6
Coimbatore	14.0	32.4	22.2
Dehradun	16.0	30.8	24.4
Gangtok	0.6	21.6	17.7
Goa	3.0	30.5	24.3
Guwahati	0.5	33.4	26.2
Hubballi	–	30.0	22.0
Hyderabad	–	32.1	24.0
Imphal	–	29.8	21.0
Jaipur	9.0	33.2	27.1
Kochi	10.0	29.2	23.6
Kohima	3.0	25.3	17.5
Kolkata	–	35.4	28.5
Kozhikode	51.0	30.0	24.1
Kurnool	4.0	32.5	24.3
Lucknow	36.0	33.0	24.9
Madurai	0.4	34.0	23.5
Mangaluru	11.2	30.1	23.0
Mumbai	–	32.2	26.4
Mysuru	9.0	30.0	21.4
New Delhi	–	37.1	27.6
Patna	4.0	34.0	26.7
Port Blair	1.0	31.5	25.3
Puducherry	15.0	31.2	22.4
Pune	0.8	31.9	22.9
Raipur	2.6	34.4	26.6
Ranchi	–	32.8	22.8
Shillong	–	24.5	18.0
Shimla	0.3	22.5	16.4
Srinagar	–	30.8	16.1
Thiruvananthapuram	20.0	29.2	22.8
Tiruchi	2.0	33.5	24.0
Vijayawada	0.2	32.6	26.0
Visakhapatnam	–	35.8	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	70	52	60	98	103	Moderate
Bengaluru	90	18	20	32	215	Poor
Chennai	22	22	66	18	31	Good
Delhi	–	32	77	169	116	Moderate
Hyderabad	9	6	117	17	34	Moderate
Kolkata	5	29	13	29	30	Good
Lucknow	18	48	80	33	46	Good
Mumbai	12	3	118	137	126	Moderate
Pune	–	30	67	–	–	Good
Visakhapatnam	10	17	14	15	33	Good

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Yamunanagar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 178 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 17.

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

YSR defined welfare in the country: Jagan

KADAPA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy along with his family members paid floral tributes to his father and the late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy at YSR Ghat at Idupulapaya to mark his 13th death anniversary on Friday. In an emotional tweet, Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy mentioned that even though "Defining welfare in the history of the country, he said that the needs of the people should be the main focus of governance. This government will take steps inspired by my father in every step."

20 students fall ill; food poisoning suspected

Medical teams at hostel in Telangana

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

As many as 20 students of a Social Welfare Residential School located at Dubbak in Siddipet district of Telangana fell ill on Friday, due to suspected food poisoning.

The students complained about stomach pain and symptoms of fever, according to sources.

District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) Kashinath, along with medical teams, rushed to the hostel and was treating the students.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Kashinath said 12 students went to hospital with complaints of stomach pain and fever. He said they were treated at the hospital and later shifted back to the school hostel. Another eight students in the school are also being treated at the hostel for the same complaints and have been placed under observation.

The students told the treating doctors that they had developed these health issues after consuming *payasam* on Wednesday. The DM&HO said there might be some other reasons, including water contamination, but they could not confirm it till medical tests were completed.

T.N. permits arts, science colleges to increase intake

STAFF REPORTER
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Higher Education Department has issued orders to permit arts and science colleges in the State to admit students beyond the sanctioned strength for the academic year 2022-23.

According to the orders, government colleges would be allowed to admit 20% more students than the sanctioned strength in arts and science courses as well, depending on the availability of labs. All departments in government-aided colleges will be allowed to take in 15% more students and self-financing colleges will be allowed to take in 10% more.

The government allowed a similar permission last year too. For the academic year 2021-22, government colleges were allowed to permit 25% more students than the sanctioned strength, while government-aided and self-financing colleges were allowed 15%.

The orders for the present academic year have been issued as per the request from the office of the Director of Collegiate Education (DCE), citing an increase in the number of applications. The DCE had said that the increase in seats in government colleges would allow more students from rural areas and underprivileged background to pursue higher education.

While the DCE had requested for an increase of 25% in government colleges and 15% in government-aided and private colleges like last year, the Principal Secretary of Higher Education, in the orders issued, had permitted 20% in government colleges, 15% in government-aided and 10% in private colleges.

Colleges have been asked to take permission from universities they are affiliated to, regarding the increased intake. Government-aided and self-financing colleges have been asked to share with the government the college-wise details of additional students admitted.

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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 29-08-2022

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ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ರಾಮನಗರ.
ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ರಾಮನಗರ.

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/09/2022-23
Dated: 02-09-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under Various Head of grants for the year 2021-22. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 12-09-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2037/Adverto/2022-23

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public in general hereby informed that our Client Mrs. Premakala @ Kala K, wife of Mr. Kodandan, residing at No. 90/2, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Maruthi layout, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore -560040, is intending to mortgage the property bearing Municipal No.24, PID No.13-79-24, Katha No.79, formed in Old Sy.no.20, Re-Sy.no.175, measuring East to West 35 feet & North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1050 square feet, situated at Laggere, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently situated at Pipeline Road, J C Nagar (Geleyara Balaga), New Ward No.68, Mahalakshmipura, Bangalore -560086, to M/s.Shriram Housing Finance, Bangalore.

Any person having any rights, title, claim or interest in the said property shall intimate the objection in writing with undersigned with supporting documents thereof within 3 days to the below mentioned address from the date of publication of the notice no claims shall be entertained thereafter.

Date:03-09-2022 Place:Bangalore

M/s Target Law Advocates & Legal Consultants
116/S-1, 1st Floor, Neatto Union Bank of India Building, 11thCross, Malleshwaram Bangalore 560 003 Ph: 080- 42044148

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, BLIS Division, Afzalpur
e-mail ID: eeblis@rediffmail.com

No.EE/ KNNL/ BLIS-Dn/Afz/PB/Sind-Road/ 2022-23/401 Date: 30-08-2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Only through e-procurement)

Percentage rate tenders are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL Bangalore, from eligible Contractors (PWD Class-I) in a two cover system for the work mentioned in the statement below:

1) Name of work : **Formation of Road & Construction of C.D. from Sonna Barrage R/s Approach to Madnalli Village in Afzalpur Taluka under B.L.I.S.(ID-33227),** Approx. Amount put to tender (in Lakhs.): 223.16, EMD (in Rs) : 250000/-, Stipulated period for completion (including monsoon) : 6 months

2) Name of work : **Formation of Road & Construction of C.D. from Sonna Barrage R/s Approach to Sangam of Bori & Bhima Rivers in Afzalpur Taluka under B.L.I.S. (ID-33228),** Approx. Amount put to tender (in Lakhs.) : 205.29, EMD (in Rs) : 230000/-, Stipulated period for completion (including monsoon) : 6 months

3) Name of work : **Construction of Approach Road from New Kadasiddeshwar Temple & Sopanam Steps to Kadasiddeshwar Temple Karbhosga Village in Afzalpur Taluka Kalaburagi District. (ID-33229),** Approx. Amount put to tender (in Lakhs.): 142.25, EMD (in Rs) : 160000/-, Stipulated period for completion (including monsoon) : 6 months

The date fixed for submission of tenders through e-procurement is from **03.09.2022 to 13.09.2022 up to 4.00.** The Cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened on **14.09.2022 at 4.30 PM** in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, KNNL, IPC Circle Kalaburagi. Cover-II (Financial bid) of qualified bidders will be opened on **16.09.2022** or after the technical bid approved. The blank tender documents can be obtained and submitted through website http:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Further, information if any can be obtained from the undersigned during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, BLIS Divn., Afzalpur

DIP/Kalaburagi/562/MC&A/2022-23

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENCH AT BENGALURU
COMPANY PETITION N0: C.P. (CAA) No. 32/BB/2022
Connected with
CA (CAA) No.14/BB/2022

(In the matter of Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016)

In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation between

M/s EMC IT Solutions India Private Limited (CIN: U72900KA2011PTC075629)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956
Having its registered office at **Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos.12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 071.**
(....Transferor Company 1 / Applicant Company 1)

M/s. EMC Technology India Private Limited (CIN: U74899KA1994PTC075626)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956
Having its registered office at **Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos.12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 071.**
(....Transferor Company 2 / Applicant Company 2)

M/s.EMC Software & Services India Private Limited (CIN:U72900KA 1999PTC152948)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956
Having its registered office at **Moonstone Building, Block B, Bagmane World Technology Centre-SEZORR, Mahadevapura, Bangalore - 560037**
(....Transferor Company 3 / Applicant Company 3)

With

M/s Dell International Services India Private Limited (CIN: U74999KA1996FTC055568)
A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956,
Having its Registered office at **Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos. 12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560 071**
(....Transferee Company / Applicant Company 4)

And

Their Respective Shareholders and Creditors

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

Take Notice that a petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation for the merger of Transferor Companies, EMC IT Solutions India Private Limited (Transferor Company 1), EMC Technology India Private Limited (Transferor Company 2) and EMC Software and Services India Private Limited (Transferor Company 3) with Dell International Services India Private Limited (Transferee Company) and their Respective Shareholders and Creditors was presented by the Applicants on June 08, 2022 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on September 15, 2022 situated at Corporate Bhavan, 12th Floor, Raheja Towers, M.G. Road, Bengaluru, 560001, Karnataka.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Transferee Company at the Registered Office situated at Divyasree Greens, Sy Nos.12/1, 12/2A & 13/1A Challaghatta Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore - 560071, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate with his name and address so as to reach to the registered office of Transferee Company not later than 2 (Two) days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.

A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of prescribed charges for the same.

For, Dell International Service India Private Limited
Sd/-
Mahadevan Subash (Wholetime Director)
DIN:03641815

Date : 02.09.2022
Place : Bengaluru

Raichur University,
Adnimistration Department Yeragera-584133, Raichur,
Email: registrarrur@gmail.com

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL_2)
(Through E Procurement system only)

Short term tender is invited from the reputed Companies/ Agencies for Digital Evaluation service for Raichur University, Yeragera - 584133. last date for Submission of online tender is 06-09-2022. Tender from fees and EMD are as per e-portal only.For more details, download the unformation from the website: **WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Note : If any changes in the Tender it will be publish e-portal only

Sd/- Registrar,
Raichur University Raichur

DIP.Raichur/280/MCA/2022-23

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಸ್ಮಾರ್ಟ್‌ಸಿಟಿ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್
HUBBALLI DHARWAD SMART CITY LIMITED
Special Purpose Vehicle for Implimentation of Smart City Project
(Registered Company No. CIN : U74999KA2017 PLC 101265)

No: HDSCL/SCP Tender/MD/2022-23 Date : 02.09.2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification on Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Project

Advt. No.01/2022-23/01 Date: 02.09.2022

(1) The Managing Director, Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Ltd (HDSCL) invites the bid from eligibale bidders through E-Procurement under Karnataka public procurement & Transparency Act 1999-2000 (2) The bidders have to participate through online Procurement only. The website for online bidding is http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (3) All the bid documents can be seen and obtained from website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (4) All the payments to be made through E-Procurement only. (5) Tender documents will be available for bidding on above website (6) Other documents can be seen in the bid documents. (7) Any information on Addendum/Corrigendum/ Cancellation of Tender can be seen in the said website. (8) For further details please contact General Manager (Tech.), Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited, Hubballi during the Office hours on Telephone No : **0836-2355331** and **2355322**, information can also be obtained from web site **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and Smart net.

(1) Indent No : UDD/2022-23/IND362 (2) Name of Work : Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of Medical Equipment Required for proposed dispensary at Medar Oni, Hubballi (3) EMD Amount Rs. **50,000.00** (4) Tender documents available from : **06.09.2022** (5) Pre-bid meeting held on : **09.09.2022** at 11:00 hrs at the office of Hubballi Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi (6) Last date for submission of tender documents : **21.09.2022** at 16:00 hrs (7) Technical proposal will be opened on : **23.09.2022** at 16:30 hrs (8) Period of completion : **3** Months Dharwad Smart City Limited, Hubballi during the Office hours on Telephone No: **0836-2355331** and **2355322**, information can also be obtained from website : **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and smart net.

Sd/- General Manager (Tech.)
Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi

Sd/- Managing Director
Hubballi-Dharwad Smart City Limited., Hubballi

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Annex Building-3, Bengaluru

No.: DCF/PR-1010/2022-23 **Date: 02.09.2022**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru, that The Chief Project Manager, South Western Railway, Gati Shakti / SBC, 18, Millers Road Cantonment, Bengaluru-560046 has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of tress standing inside the premises of Railway land between Bangalore Cantonment and Baiyappanahalli Railway Station. The details area given below.

Name of the project	**Construction of New Lines and Railway Over Bridge**			
Name of the Agency	Chief Project Manager, South Western Railway, Gati Shakti, SBC, 18, Millers Road, Cantonment, Bengaluru.			
Purpose for removal of trees	The trees standing inside the premises of Railway land (5 kms) which are coming in between the project area of Bangalore Cantonment and Baiyappanahalli Railway Station.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS readings	**Sl. No.**	**Latitude N**	**Longitude E**	**Location**
	1	12.992746°	77.604557°	Area starting from Railway Cantonment
	2	12.991718°	77.643528°	Area ending at Baiyappnahalli Railway Station.
Enumeration of trees • Total No. of trees standing in the project area	221 Nos. (Annexure-1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all. **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
• Total No. of trees proposed to be removed	221 Nos. (Annexure-1)			
Mode of communication of comments *(Public can send their comments either by E-mail / Post / Hand)*	**Address:** The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. **E-mail Id: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com**			
Deadline for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of Publication of this notification * **Newspaper Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project**			

In view of the above, the suggestions / objections / comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/-, Deputy Conservator of Forests,
BBMP, Bengaluru

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Relief, rebuff

SC has done well to reject stiff opposition from Government to giving bail to activist

In granting interim bail to activist Teesta Setalvad, the Supreme Court of India has dealt a firm rebuff to the Gujarat government, which stoutly opposed her release after showing great alacrity in arresting her for pursuing allegations that high functionaries were involved in the Gujarat pogrom of 2002. The order by a Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India, Justice U.U. Lalit, is limited in scope, as it will now be the Gujarat High Court that will decide on the grant of regular bail on merits. However, its real significance is that it is a strong pushback against a government that seems intent on keeping her behind bars for daring to assist victims of heinous communal violence in their efforts to seek justice. In an earlier judgment that endorsed the findings of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that absolved Narendra Modi, the then Chief Minister, the Supreme Court virtually canvassed for the arrest and prosecution of Ms. Setalvad and former police officers, R.B. Sreekumar and Sanjiv Bhatt. The Court had accused her of "keeping the pot boiling" in a pejorative reference to the help she rendered to Zakia Jafri, among others, in seeking justice for the death of her husband Ehsan Jafri, a former MP, and many others in a mob attack on Gulbarg Society in Ahmedabad. In cases registered in response to the Supreme Court's orders, the three have been accused of being part of a conspiracy to forge documents and present false evidence in court to implicate political leaders.

The Supreme Court raised some sharp and pertinent questions to the State government represented by the Solicitor General of India during the arguments. A key consideration was the unusually long postponement of the bail hearing before the Gujarat High Court, which had issued notice to the police returnable after nearly six weeks. While the Solicitor General raised a technical objection to Ms. Setalvad approaching the Supreme Court even while the High Court proceedings were on, the Bench was of the view that such a long adjournment may warrant interim bail until it is heard. Ultimately, the Bench has clarified that the High Court will take an independent view without being influenced by any of its observations. It also seems to have taken into account a provision in law that allows grant of bail on the ground that the accused is a woman. Noting that the documents allegedly forged and submitted in court pertained to a period prior to 2012 and considering that she has been in custody for over two months and had been interrogated in custody for seven days, the Bench rightly felt that granting interim relief would be quite in order. The relief given to Ms. Setalvad should be welcomed by those who value personal liberty as well as activism in support of the vulnerable.

Wind in the sail

INS *Vikrant* is a milestone; the focus now must be on a twin-engine deck-based fighter

India commissioned its first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier, INS *Vikrant*, on Friday and joined a small group of countries which include the U.S., the U.K., Russia, France and China, that have the capability to design and build carriers with a displacement of over 40,000 tonnes. What India has demonstrated is the capacity to develop a carrier although it has been operating these ships for over 60 years. It took 17 years from the time the steel was cut and around ₹20,000 crore to make *Vikrant* a reality. Developing a viable domestic defence industry has been a priority for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the new aircraft carrier is a sign of India's expanding *atmanirbharta* or self-reliance in defence. The new vessel has 76% of indigenous content overall but its critical technology has been imported, pointing to the need for persistence. The carrier in itself is an engineering marvel with an endurance of 7,500 nautical miles. It has around 2,200 compartments for a crew of around 1,600 that include specialised cabins to accommodate women officers and sailors, and a full-fledged speciality medical facility. Several technological spin-offs from the ship's construction include the capacity to manufacture warship-grade steel, which India used to import. Its commissioning gives India and its emerging defence manufacturing sector the confidence to aim and sail farther.

The Indian Navy's ambition is to have three aircraft carriers – it already has INS *Vikramaditya* procured from Russia – and it has suggested that the expertise gained from building *Vikrant* could now be used to build a second, more capable, indigenous carrier. INS *Vikrant* will be the wind in the sail for India's proactive maritime strategy in the Indo-Pacific and the Indian Ocean Region. At the commissioning ceremony in Kochi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reiterated India's interest in "a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific" and Mr. Modi's idea of 'SAGAR' or Security and Growth for All in the Region. A strong Navy is also critical to India's ambition to grow its share in global trade, which is largely maritime – INS *Vikrant* significantly expands the Indian Navy's footprint in the backdrop of increasing Chinese activity in the region and New Delhi's closer cooperation with the U.S. While MiG-29K fighter jets will now be integrated into the fleet air arm of *Vikrant*, the Navy has taken an active interest in procuring either the French Rafale M or the American F/A-18 Super Hornet. This would need structural modifications in the ship which would allow operating these more capable aircraft from its deck. Meanwhile, the plans to develop India's own twin-engine deck-based fighter continue to remain a distant dream. The focus, and priority now, should be in resolving the fighter jet conundrum while also taking a call on the second indigenous aircraft carrier to ensure that the expertise gained is not jettisoned due to strategic myopia.

The NPT is beginning to look shaky

Sustaining it requires facing up to today's political realities such as the growing rivalries in a multipolar nuclear world

RAKESH SOOD

The Tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) concluded last week in New York. Marking 52 years of a treaty that every speaker described as the 'cornerstone of the global nuclear order' – it was originally planned for its 50th year for 2020, but the conference was delayed due to COVID-19 – it should have been a celebratory occasion, yet, the mood was sombre. And after four weeks of debate and discussion, the delegates failed to agree on a final document.

NPT's success and weakness

To manage the disappointment, some staunch believers claimed that the success should not be defined in terms of a consensus outcome! It is true that since 1970, when the NPT entered into force, only four of the 10 review conferences (in 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010) have concluded with a consensus document, the review years were: 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2022. Ironically, even the critical 1995 Review Conference that decided to extend the NPT into perpetuity, broke down weeks later over the review process.

However, there was one key difference in 2022. In the past, the divergences were over Iran, Israel, West Asia or between the nuclear haves and nuclear have-nots. The three depositary states (the United States, the United Kingdom and the U.S.S.R./Russia) were always on the same page. The difference in 2022 was that it pitched Russia against the West; it was the inability to find language to address the nuclear safety crisis at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine, under Russian occupation since March, that ultimately led to the failure.

The NPT was negotiated during the 1960s to reconcile three competing objectives – controlling the further spread of nuclear weapons beyond the P-5 countries (the U.S., the U.S.S.R., the U.K, France and China) that had already tested; committing to negotiating reductions of nuclear arsenals leading to their elimination; and sharing benefits of peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. The first was strongly supported by the nuclear-haves; the latter two were demands made by the nuclear have-nots.

Over the years, the non-proliferation objective has been achieved in large measure. Despite apprehensions that by the 1980s, there would be close to 25 nuclear powers, in the last 50 years, only four more countries have gone on to test and develop nuclear arsenals – India, Israel, North Korea and Pakistan (South Africa developed nuclear weapons but the apartheid regime destroyed them and joined NPT in 1991 before relinquishing power to majority rule). After the end of the Cold War and the break-up of the U.S.S.R. in 1991, non-proliferation remained a shared priority for the major powers and the International Atomic Energy Agency, set up originally to promote international co-operation became better known as the non-proliferation watchdog.

Progress on the other two aspects took a back seat; no meaningful discussions or negotiations on nuclear disarmament have ever taken place in the NPT framework. In fact, in the early 1980s, there was a growth in nuclear arsenals. Arms control talks between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R./Russia did take place and the two countries did succeed in bringing down their collective arsenals from a high of nearly 65,000 in the early 1980s to less than 12,000 warheads. But this process too has ground to a halt.

The first signal was the U.S. withdrawal from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty in 2002

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on the grounds that it unduly constrained its missile defence activities. Limits imposed by the ABM Treaty had been a critical element in creating mutual vulnerability as a means of underwriting deterrence stability. It was a unipolar world with the U.S. as the dominant power. Russia gradually responded by embarking on its nuclear modernisation.

In 2019, the U.S. notified Russia of its decision to quit the 1987 Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty that had obliged both countries to get rid of all ground-launched missiles with a range of 500-5,500 km. The U.S. blamed Russia for cheating on its obligations and pointed out that China's missile developments created new security threats that needed to be addressed. The U.S. was now facing two strategic rivals.

The only surviving arms control treaty between Russia and the U.S. is the New START Treaty that imposes a ceiling on operational strategic nuclear weapons of 700 launchers and 1,550 warheads each. It expires in 2026 and there are no signs of any follow-on discussions.

Attempts by the Donald Trump administration to invite China to join in the arms control process were rejected. Given growing tensions in the Taiwan Strait, any prospects for such talks have only receded.

All that the five nuclear-weapon-states party to the NPT could manage at the conference was a reiteration of the 1985 Reagan-Gorbachev declaration that 'a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought'. The statement remains valid but clearly sounded hollow in the face of growing strategic rivalry between China, Russia and the U.S., rising nuclear rhetoric, and modernisation plans for nuclear arsenals being pursued.

Nuclear modernisation

While the Joe Biden administration's Nuclear Posture Review is awaited, the U.S.'s 30-year nuclear modernisation programme, intended to provide 'credible deterrence against regional aggression' is already underway. This has been used to justify developing and deploying more usable low-yield nuclear weapons.

Russia (and China too) is developing hypersonic delivery systems that evade missile defences as well as larger missiles that do not need to travel over the Arctic. Also on the cards are nuclear torpedoes and new cruise missiles. Last year, satellite imagery over China revealed that at least three new missile storage sites are being developed. Analysts suggest that China may be on track to expand its arsenal from current levels of approximately 350 warheads to over 1,000 by 2030. Such a dramatic expansion raises questions about whether this marks a shift in the Chinese nuclear doctrine that has relied on a credible minimum deterrent and a no-first-use policy for the last six decades.

Developments in space and cyber domains are blurring the line between conventional and nuclear weapons, leading to nuclear entanglement and rendering command and control systems vulnerable. This, in turn, compresses decision-making time and creates incentives for early use, raising nuclear risk.

At the conference, France, the U.K. and the U.S. wanted to draw a distinction between "irresponsible" nuclear threats of an offensive nature and "responsible" nuclear threats for defensive purposes but Russia (and China) stymied western efforts. When the nuclear have-nots suggested a universal condemnation of all threats of nuclear use, all five nuclear-haves joined together to resist such moves. This reflects an emerging divide.

Other treaties, their state

Frustrated by the absence of progress on nuclear disarmament, the nuclear have-nots successfully negotiated a Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW, also called Ban Treaty) in 2017 that entered into force in January 2021. All 86 signatories are nuclear have-nots and parties to the NPT. The TPNW creates a new legal instrument and at their meeting in June in Vienna, the TPNW states committed to pushing for 'stigmatising and de-legitimising' nuclear weapons, condemning all nuclear threats and 'building a robust global peremptory norm against them'. Expectedly, the nuclear-haves and their allies ignored the Vienna meeting but will find it increasingly difficult to overlook this political reality as more and more NPT colleagues call their bluff.

The Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) was concluded in 1996 but has yet to formally enter into force because two major powers, the U.S. and China, have yet to ratify it. While it is true that they do observe a moratorium on nuclear testing, modernisation plans could soon run up against the CTBT.

Nobody wants a breakdown of the NPT but sustaining it requires facing up to today's political realities. The rivalries in a multipolar nuclear world create new challenges, different from what the world faced in a bipolar era of the 1960s when the NPT was concluded. Without addressing the new challenges, the NPT will weaken and with it, the taboo against nuclear weapons that has held since 1945.

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India's cyber infrastructure needs more than patches

With cybercrime on the rise, the central and State governments need to work in tandem

R.K. VIJ

There has been a steady spike in cases of cybercrime in the last five years. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), from 12,317 cases of cybercrime in 2016, there were 50,035 cases registered in 2020. In India, cybercrime is increasing with the increased use of information and communication technology (ICT). However, despite this alarming trend, the capacity of the enforcement agencies to investigate cybercrime remains limited.

As far as the admissibility of electronic evidence is concerned, though there were some conflicting judgments of the Supreme Court of India earlier, the law was finally settled in *Arjun Pandit Rao Khotkar vs Kailash Kushanrao Gorantyal & Ors*. The Court held that a certificate under Section 65B(4) of the Indian Evidence (IE) Act was a mandatory pre-requisite for the admissibility of (secondary) electronic record if the original record could not be produced.

With 'police' and 'public order' being in the State List, the primary obligation to check crime and create the necessary cyberinfrastructure lies with States. At the same time, with the IT Act and major laws being central legislations, the central government is no less responsible to evolve uniform statutory procedures for the enforcement agencies. Though the Government of India has taken steps that include the setting up of the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with all types of cybercrime, much needs to be done to plug the infrastructural deficit.

No procedural code

There is no separate procedural code for the investigation of cyber or computer-related offences. As electronic evidence is entirely different in nature when compared with evidence of traditional crime, laying down standard and uniform procedures to deal with electronic evidence is essential. The broad 'guidelines for the identification, collection, acquisition and preservation of digital evidence' are given in the Indian Standard IS/ISO/IEC 27037: 2012, issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). This document is fairly comprehensive and easy to comprehend for both the first responder (who could be an authorised and trained police officer of a police station) as well as the specialist (who has specialised knowledge, skills and the abilities to handle a wide range of technical issues). The guidelines, if followed meticulously, may ensure that electronic evidence is neither tampered with nor subject to spoliation during investigation.

A significant attempt has been made by the higher judiciary in this field also. As resolved in the Conference of the Chief Justices of the High Court in April 2016, a five-judge committee was constituted in July 2018 to frame the draft rules which could serve as a model for the reception of digital evidence by courts.

The committee, after extensive deliberations with experts, the police and investigation agencies, finalised its report in November 2018, but the suggested Draft Rules for the Reception, Retrieval, Authentication and Preservation of Electronic Records are yet to be given a statutory force.

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Shortage of technical staff

Second, there have been half-hearted efforts by the States to recruit technical staff for the investigation of cybercrime. A regular police officer, with an academic background in the arts, commerce, literature, or management may be unable to understand the nuances of the working of a computer or the Internet. He can at best, after proper training, act as a first responder who could identify digital evidence and secure the scene of crime or preserve digital evidence till the arrival of an expert. It is only a technically qualified staff who could acquire and analyse digital evidence.

It is relevant here to mention that the Court, during the trial of the infamous *State of Goa, through C.I.D. C.B., North Goa, Goa. vs Tarunjit Tejpal* took objection to the fact that the investigating sub-inspector, who seized the relevant CDs, did not know the meaning of the term 'hash value'.

Similarly, in the Aarushi murder case of Noida, reported as *Dr. (Smt.) Nupur Talwar vs State of U.P. and Anr.*, the Allahabad High Court observed that the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) expert was not provided with the details of the Internet logs, router logs and laptop logs to prove whether the Internet was physically operated on the fateful night. Even the certificate under Section 65B of the IE Act (which is statutorily required), was undated, and hence rejected by the trial court.

Therefore, it is essential that State governments build up sufficient capacity to deal with cybercrime. It could be done either by setting up a separate cyberpolice station in each district or range, or having technically qualified staff in every police station.

Further, the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000 insists that offences registered under the Act should be investigated by a police officer not below the rank of an inspector. The fact is that police inspectors are limited in number in districts, and most of the field investigation is done by sub-inspectors. Therefore, it will be pragmatic to consider a suitable amendment in Section 80 of the Act and make sub-inspectors eligible to take up investigation of cybercrimes.

Upgrade cyber labs

Third, the cyber forensic laboratories of States must be upgraded with the advent of new technologies. Offences related to cryptocurrency remain under-reported as the capacity to solve such crimes remains limited. The central government has proposed launching a digital rupee using blockchain technology soon. State enforcement agencies need to be ready for these technologies. The Centre helps in upgrading the State laboratories by providing modernisation funds, though the corpus has gradually shrunk over the years. While most State cyber labs are sufficiently equipped to analyse hard disks and mobile phones, many are yet to be notified as 'Examiner of Electronic Evidence' (by the central government) to enable them to provide expert opinion on electronic records. Since there is now a state-of-art National Cyber Forensic Lab and the Cyber Prevention, Awareness and Detection Centre (CyPAD) of the Delhi Police, there may be an extension of professional help to States in getting their labs notified.

Need for localisation

Most cybercrimes are trans-national in nature with extra-territorial jurisdiction. The collection of evidence from foreign territories is not only a difficult but also a tardy process. India has extradition treaties and extradition arrangements with 48 and 12 countries, respectively. In most social media crimes, except for the prompt blocking of an objectionable website or suspect's account, other details do not come forth quickly from large IT firms. Therefore, 'data localisation' must feature in the proposed Personal Data Protection law so that enforcement agencies are able to get timely access to the data of suspected Indian citizens. Also, the police still get CyberTipline reports on online Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) from the U.S.'s non-profit agency, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). It would be a step forward if India develops its in-house capacity and/or makes intermediaries accountable to identify and remove online CSAM for immediate action by the police.

In fact, the Centre and States must not only work in tandem and frame statutory guidelines to facilitate investigation of cybercrime but also need to commit sufficient funds to develop much-awaited and required cyber infrastructure.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reduce the rates

The GST collection data during August are impressive, thereby reflecting economic recovery. However, the GST Council needs to rationalise tax rates as they pose a hindrance to the growth of small and medium manufacturing industries which are mostly unorganised and do not even have high margins – for example, 18% GST on many stationery items, an essential commodity. High rates promote underbilling and fake invoicing, leading to a loss of revenue for the State. Rationalised tax rates will check underbilling, improving the turnover of SMEs, and enabling better credit facilities. This will improve production and further increase collections.

ANOOP SURI,
New Delhi

Pledges by the Indian

It is vital that every Indian takes a pledge to eliminate discrimination and enable equity (Editorial page, "Pledges from Red Fort, pledges by every Indian" August 31). However, it is more important that every Indian also keeps their promise. What is striking in the article is the highlighting of the country's "charged environment", which is the bitter truth. There needs to be an open conversation to ensure a better future.

PRARTHANA ANTHONY,
Chennai

Help the neighbour

There is no doubt that Pakistan has been battered by the unprecedented rains and flooding. Notwithstanding the hostility in political relations, India can help with the supply of aid and essentials. This is a natural disaster after all.

AMIR TYAGI,
Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

Delays, debt and distress in West Bengal

The delay in payment of wages has pushed MGNREGS workers in West Bengal to the brink. **Shiv Sahay Singh** reports on the allegations of corruption against the State government, the Centre's reluctance in releasing payments, and the plight of the workers caught in this tussle

Workers in Barabazar block of West Bengal's Purulia district stand beside an unfinished pond. Since the women workers who worked at the site were not paid wages, they refused to work anymore and the pond remains incomplete. (Below): The Sabars in Kultanr village in Purulia district who have not got work under MGNREGS in 2022-23, have been surviving by doing odd jobs and agricultural work. • DEBASISH BHADURI

On July 25, nearly three hours after Droupadi Murmu took oath as the first tribal President of India, hundreds of women, mostly from tribal communities and Other Backward Classes, held a rally at Puncha block in West Bengal's Purulia district, about 1,300 km from Delhi. Demanding that they be paid pending wages for work done under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), the women shouted, *"Keu khabe ar keu khabe na, ta hobe na, ta hobe na"* (Some will eat, some will go hungry. That can't happen.) Some of them were not wearing shoes, but they walked without wincing on a tarred road that sweltering afternoon. *"Jaat dharm baad dao, bhuka pete bhaat dao"* (Set aside caste and religion, give food to the hungry), they cried.

Entering the administrative complex of the block in Puncha town, the women gathered around a display sign of MGNREGS. It featured a photograph of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as well as details about who is entitled to work under MGNREGS and for how many days. The women said they had not been paid since December 2021.

Ranu Mahali had come to the rally with a nine-month-old child in her arms. She said she had worked for 14 days in the financial year 2022-23. Her husband, Dibakar Mahali, who had been unable to find work, had left for the neighbouring Bardhaman district to work in potato fields. On his way back home on April 4, Dibakar died in a road accident. Ranu was desperate for her pending wage of ₹2,982.

"She is struggling to make ends meet. She has three children to feed," said Sadhana Mahato, pointing at Ranu. Sadhana had worked for 48 days in April and May and was waiting for her dues.

Somali Mahati and Sarati Mahato, who were walking barefoot, said they want to work but there was no work to be found. "We have to depend on others in the family. Nobody is willing to give us a loan," said the two women who appeared to be in their mid-fifties. The people in Purulia, which is among the poorest districts of West Bengal, are the worst affected by the delay in payment of MGNREGS wages.

Brewing discontent

Not far from Puncha Block Development Office is Kultanr village, where the Sabar tribals live. The Sabars are a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group. Most of the 50 houses in the village have been constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The announcement of the state's contribution in building the houses is in bold letters on nearly every house. The children don't attend school. The older people in the community look perplexed when asked why July 25 was a historic day. Most of them had not even heard of Droupadi Murmu.

Sajani Sabar was cooking the evening meal of rice and leafy vegetables, which were grown in her backyard. The food, she said, was insufficient to feed her three children. Her situation had worsened compared to last year when there was guaranteed work for 100 days under MGNREGS. Sajani and her neighbours said they could now afford to cook only one meal a day.

A fact-finding team, which was probing the impact of the delay in payment of MGNREGS wages, looked at the job cards of the Sabars. None of the members of the community had got any work in the financial year 2022-23, said Apurva Gupta, a member of the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, who checked the job cards on the MGNREGS management information system (MIS). With no work under the scheme and no land of their own, the Sabars have been surviving on odd jobs and agricultural work.

Anindya Bhattacharya, the Block Development Officer of Puncha, who met the team, said work was available, but labourers could not be convinced to do the work as payments were pending. Speaking about the regular demonstrations at his office, he said he was aware that discontentment was brewing. He was worried that the anger would erupt and lead to a law-and-order situation.

Pradipta Biswas, the District Panchayat and Rural Development Officer of Purulia, said the district administration was unable to plant saplings or undertake water restoration projects because of the issue of pending wages. Biswas explained that the average number of people employed under the scheme for any given day in July 2021 was 80,000-90,000; this had now dropped to 5,000-6,000. The stoppage of 100-day work has not only pushed workers to the brink, but also impacted the creation of necessary physical infrastructure in Purulia, which faces water scarcity. The district had a yearly target of planting 20 lakh saplings but is now trying to meet a target of about 1.5 lakh, he said.

Biswas's words rang true in Purulia's Barabazar block, once a hub of the Communist Party of India (Maoist). Rows of small pits, dug to plant saplings, were lying empty. At Tuima village, women assembled under a tree besides thatched mud houses that were beautifully decorated with tribal motifs. Most of them had worked for 10-14 days in the last few months under MGNREGS, but had not received wages. Their debt was surging. They were depending on daily work in agriculture to sustain themselves, but ₹150 a day was far lower than what they were earning under MGNREGS (₹223 a day). "We would repay loans, taken from self-help groups, with the money we got from 100 days of work. Now we have no means to repay the loans," said Jaleshwari Hansda, who had worked for 16 days in February.

The women, who are mostly in their forties and fifties, insisted on taking us to the water body where they were working. Thakurdas Mahato had about three bighas of land, which was surrounded by a guava orchard. The land had been dug for a pond, but the work had stopped. The pond was several feet deep. "But it is not deep enough to store water," said the women as they descended into the pit. A few kilometres away, there was another half-dug pond at Tumrasole village. Purulia is crucial to West Bengal's ambitious 'Usharmukti' scheme, which aims to provide relief to people in drought-prone areas.

Allegations of corruption

In the last week of July, West Bengal was on the boil over the recovery of ₹50 crore cash, and jewellery worth ₹4.5 crore from an aide of former Minister Partha Chatterjee. The visit of a fact-finding team of activists and social workers to three districts of West Bengal – Purulia, South 24 Parganas and Nadia – coincided with the reports of the cash seized in Kolkata.

After the visits, district representatives of the fact-finding teams met Partha Ghosh, Special Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development, in Kolkata. Ghosh appeared worried about the deadlock and said a flurry of letters had been exchanged between the State and Central governments over the non-payment of wages. He said several Central teams had come to West Bengal in the last few years and another team was expected soon.

Asked about the allegations of corruption, he said the Centre wanted action against erring officials and, in some cases, "full recovery" of the money spent for MGNREGS. Ghosh said the West Bengal government was lodging FIRs in some cases where allegations of corruption had come to the fore. But he admitted it would be difficult to recover the money.

James Heranj, an activist from Jharkhand who was part of the fact-finding team, asked why the State had not set up a buffer fund so that it could pay the workers before the Centre released the funds. Heranj gave the example of Jharkhand where the State government had set up a buffer fund of ₹500 crore.

The team also met the social audit director of West Bengal, who revealed that no budget had been sanctioned to conduct a social audit of MGNREGS for 2021-22 and 2022-23. A social audit helps to check corruption in MGNREGS.

The number of people affected by non-payment of MGNREGS wages in West Bengal can only be gauged by the figures in the MGNREGS MIS. The State has about 3.42 crore registered workers and 1.57 crore jobs cards (one family has one job card). In 2021-22, the number of man-days generated was 36.42 crore, the second highest in the country after Rajasthan. Women comprised almost half the workforce – 46.69% in 2021-22 and 48% in 2022-23. Due to non-payment of wages, the total man-days generated in 2022-23 till September 2 had dropped to 3.43 crore.

A major political issue

In response to a question by Trinamool Congress MP Jawhar Sircar on August 3, the Ministry of Rural Development informed the Rajya Sabha that West Bengal was the only State in the country that had received no funds for 2022-23 from the Centre under MGNREGS. In response to another question in the Rajya Sabha on July 20, the Ministry of Rural Development pointed out that the Centre had ₹3,989.58 crore pending liabilities for the wage component under MGNREGS and that it owed ₹2,605.82 crore (about 65%) to West Bengal. In response to Sircar's question and several other questions in Parliament on why funds to West Bengal had been stopped, the Centre cited "non-compliance of directives of the Central Government" under Section 27 of the MGNREGA, 2005. Section 27 says the Central government may order stoppage of release of funds to the scheme and institute appropriate remedial measures for proper implementation within a reasonable period of time. "What is so 'reasonable' about withholding payments to workers for months for the back-breaking work they did," Anuradha Talwar of Paschimbanga Khetmajoor Samity asked. A prominent voice on worker's rights, Talwar said allegations of corruption in MGNREGS in West Bengal "have a basis, but it is completely unjustified not to pay workers for no fault of theirs."

Several other activists also admitted that there is rampant corruption in implementation of MGNREGS in West Bengal. There have been allegations of fake bills, panchayat functionaries withholding job cards of workers and siphoning off funds, forged master rolls of workers, and work done with earthmovers and machines being passed off as MGNREGS work. After Cyclone Amphan ravaged large parts of the Sundarbans two years ago, a substantial amount of MGNREGS funds was diverted for restoration of damaged houses. Plantation of saplings constitutes important work under the 100-day work scheme. The planting of trees has multiple benefits in regions such as Purulia, which are arid. And in the Sundarbans, mangrove plantations protect low-lying areas from frequent cyclones.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 6, the Leader of the Opposition, Suvendu Adhikari, referred to specific instances of corruption in panchayats under Joynagar II block of Kultali Assembly in South 24 Parganas district. The BJP MLA alleged that individual beneficiaries, mostly from the ruling party, had been allocated funds but did not plant a single sapling. At the time of inspection, these beneficiaries claimed that the plants had been washed away in the Amphan and Yaas cyclones, he held.

"Despite allegations of corruption, the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) has not conducted any audit of the implementation of MGNREGS in West Bengal after 2011-12. Even the system of social audit is not working," said Biswanath Goswami, a socio-legal researcher and RTI activist. In the past few months, there have been a few instances, including in Nadia and Malda districts, where block development officers have lodged complaints against panchayat functionaries for corruption. During a meeting in August, the State Panchayat Secretary directed District Magistrates to file FIRs and recover money for work where irregularities had surfaced. Instances of refunds of MGNREGS work were also being reported in some districts.

The Chief Minister has raised the issue of non-payment of MGNREGS wages on several occasions. She has written letters to the Prime Minister and met him on August 5. In a letter to the Prime Minister on August 5, she said there was "great distress" in rural areas because funds had not been released for schemes. On August 4, the West Bengal government denied permission to members of a fact-finding team to hold a gathering in Kolkata's Esplanade area, but on July 22, during her party's Martyr's Day rally, Banerjee called for protests in Delhi against non-payment of MGNREGS dues.

The Trinamool Congress has termed the issue of non-payment of wages as an act of vendetta by the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government at the Centre for the defeat the national party faced in the 2021 Assembly polls. The BJP leadership, including party president J.P. Nadda, said West Bengal did not submit details of how MGNREGS funds had been utilised over the past three years. The Left parties and the Congress have stressed on corruption, rather than highlighting the plight of the workers.

The fact-finding team made its report public on July 28. It pointed out that work under MGNREGS had almost come to a halt due to non-payment of wages. This had impacted food security, especially among single women. The report also stated that the imbroglio between the Centre and the State had increased migration, and the stoppage of work like building embankments and irrigation channels had an adverse impact on the livelihoods of communities and the environment.

No work on the embankments

Almost three weeks after the workers in Purulia held protests demanding work and wages, the villagers in South 24 Parganas's coastal area braved back-to-back depressions in the Bay of Bengal. This is the district where the highest complaints of corruption of MGNREGS have surfaced. Large areas of Nagedrapur gram panchayat in Mathurapur II block of Sundarbans were submerged on August 14, when embankments were breached. The Sundarbans has a network of 3,500 km mud embankments, most of which are repaired under MGNREGS. Since there has been no repair of the embankments, fear of inundation looms large. There are a number of small huts in Jata Barodanagar on the embankments, just beside a water body that locals call river Moni. When it poured on a Friday afternoon in August, women, all of them barefoot, tried to keep their huts safe by covering them with tarpaulin sheets. The children of Samiran Mollah and Gauri Halder have migrated for work. Asked why they didn't repair the embankments, the women replied: "We haven't got any money. Why should we work?"

Arjina Gazi, pradhan of the gram panchayat, also expressed her helplessness. "The people have not been paid. How can I ask them to repair the embankments," she said, opening the doors of her newly built and curtained two-storey house.

The rain poured for hours and the wind gathered pace, turning into a squall. As dusk descended, women fretted over how to cook dinner. The firewood was wet and none of them had an LPG cylinder which, they said, costs more than ₹1,000. "We don't cut the mangrove trees we planted although that could have given us dry wood. Maybe we should have repaired the embankments before the monsoon," rued Samiran and Gauri.

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SC grants interim bail to Teesta Setalvad

When the occasion arises for them, their pleas for bail would be considered on its own individual merits.

On July 30, the trial court had refused Ms. Setalavad bail. Following which, she had applied to the High Court for regular bail and, in addition, interim bail during the pendency of her plea for regular bail.

In an order on August 3, the High Court did not give her interim bail. Ms. Setalvad had appealed to the Supreme Court against both the lower court and High Court orders.

"Having considered the circumstances on record, in our view, the High Court ought to have considered the prayer for release on interim bail during the pendency of the matter before it... The essential ingredients of the investigation, including custodial interrogation, having been completed, the matter assumed a complexion when the release of the appellant on interim bail till the matter was considered by the High Court was evidently made out... The appellant is entitled to the relief of interim bail," the Supreme Court ordered.

India to host Quad senior officials' meeting

The officials will take stock of progress on Quad initiatives including the six "leader-level" working groups – on COVID-19 Response and Global Health Security, Climate, Critical and Emerging Technologies, Cyber, Space, and Infrastructure.

Significantly, the intensified engagement with India's Quad partners will come a week ahead of India's engagement with the Russia-China led SCO as well. Mr. Modi is expected to travel to Samarkand for the SCO summit during September 15-16, where he is expected to come face to face with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and leaders of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. The visit will be watched most closely in the West, and amongst India's Quad partners for the engagement with Mr. Putin, as the war in Ukraine has completed more than six months.

In India, where the process of LAC disengagement has hit a roadblock, any contact with Chinese President Xi Jinping will be significant, as it would mark the first Modi-Xi engagement since the PLA's transgressions at LAC began in April 2020.

Vikrant a reflection of self-reliant India: PM

Terming *INS Vikrant* huge, the ceremony massive, distinguished and very special, Mr. Modi said it is not just a warship but a testament to the hard work, talent, influence and commitment of India in the 21st century.

The Commanding Officer, Capt. Vidhyadhar Harke, read the commissioning warrant and the *nishaan* (ensign) was hoisted.

The ship with a displacement of 42,800 tonnes was designed by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), a public sector shipyard. Its aviation trials are expected to commence by November and expected to continue till mid-2023. Officials had stated that the carrier is expected to be fully operational by the end of next year.

The ship is capable of operating an air wing of 30 aircraft, including MiG-29K fighter jets and Kamov-31 early warning helicopters.

The 262m long and 62m wide *Vikrant* is powered by four General Electric LM2500 engines which give it a maximum speed of 28 knots and endurance of 7500 NM, which means she can make a voyage from Kochi to Brazil without refuelling.

Amid AIADMK tussle, HC rules in favour of EPS

'No illegality in holding of July 11 meet'

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The leadership tussle in the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) took yet another turn on Friday with a Division Bench of the Madras High Court allowing appeals preferred by Edappadi K. Palaniswami (EPS) and consequently setting aside a single judge's August 17 order in favour of O. Panneerselvam.

Justices M. Duraiswamy and Sunder Mohan held there was no illegality in the convening of the party's July 11 general council meet, in which Mr. Palaniswami was elected interim general secretary and Mr. Panneerselvam was expelled from the primary membership with the consent of 2,539 out of 2,665 council members.

To challenge in SC

Mr. Palaniswami hailed the verdict, while Mr. Panneerselvam said he will challenge it in Supreme Court.

The Bench agreed with senior counsel C.S. Vaidyanathan, C. Aryama Sundaram and Vijay Narayan that the single judge ought not to have ordered *status quo ante* as on June 23 when Mr. Panneerselvam, in his civil suit, had questioned only the conduct of July 11 general council meet and not any of the decisions taken at the June 23 meet.

The judges also observed that the single judge had passed an unworkable order by holding that no general council or executive council meet of the party should be conducted in future without the joint consent of Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami in their capacities as Coordinator and Joint Coordinator of the party respectively.

Authoring the verdict, Justice Duraiswamy pointed out that the appellant [Mr. Palaniswami] was firm on his assertion that the posts of Coordinator and Joint Coordinator had lapsed on June 23 because the general council which met on that day did not ratify the executive council's December 2021 decision to amend the bylaw related to the two posts.

He had also informed the Election Commission about it on June 28. Therefore, Mr. Palaniswami could not be compelled to continue as Joint Coordinator of the party and Mr. Panneerselvam would not be able to take any decision independently because both of them had got elected jointly by a single vote process in December 2021, the Bench said.

Journalists, activists continue to be targeted in J&K: Amnesty

It has recorded 60 instances of crackdown since removal of special status in 2019

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Amnesty International on Friday said it had recorded at least 60 instances of crackdowns on journalists and human rights defenders in Jammu and Kashmir since the revocation of special status of the erstwhile State in August 2019.

In a report titled, *We are being punished by the law: Three years since of abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu & Kashmir*, Amnesty documented interrogations, travel bans and detentions of journalists and human rights defenders. "For three years now, civil society and media in Jammu and Kashmir have been subjected to a vicious crackdown by the Indian government, which is determined to stifle dissent using draconian laws, policies and unlawful practices in their arsenal," said Aakar Patel, the chair of the board of Amnesty International India.

Stiff resistance: Journalists protesting in Srinagar in July, 2020 against J&K's media policy. • NISSAR AHMAD

Amnesty said it had found that at least six persons, including journalists, human rights activists and academics, had been prevented from travelling abroad despite having the requisite documents. At least 27 journalists had been detained and arrested since August 5, 2019, it said.

"Journalists including Fahad Shah, Aasif Sultan and Sajad Gul have been subjected to 'revolving door' arrests. In a continuing pattern, they have been arrested under one law, granted bail by the court, and then re-arrested almost immediately under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) - India's primary anti-terror law in Jammu & Kashmir, keeping them perpetually detained," Amnesty said.

The report reviewed 1,346 cases on the website of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court and found that by August 1, 2022, the number of writ petitions had increased by 32%, which it said indicated an increase in unlawful detention. "Amnesty International also reviewed the data published by National Crime Record Bureau and found that there has been a 12% increase in the use of UAPA in Jammu & Kashmir since 2019," it said.

Five JD(U) MLAs join the ruling BJP in Manipur

Mohammed Nasir, however, opts out

RAHUL KARMAKAR
GUWAHATI

Five of six Janata Dal (United) MLAs in Manipur have merged with the ruling BJP.

In a bulletin on Friday night, Manipur Assembly Secretary K. Meghajit Singh said Speaker Thokchom Satyabrata Singh accepted the merger under the 10th Schedule of the Constitution of India.

The five legislators are Khumukcham Joykisan Singh, representing the Thangmeiband constituency, Ngursanglur Sanate (Tipaimukh), Mohammed Achab Uddin (Jiribam), Thangjam Arunkumar (Wangkhei) and L.M. Khaute (Churachandpur).

The JD (U) had won six seats in the 60-member Manipur Assembly earlier this year and extended their support to the BJP government headed by Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh. The sixth JD(U) legislator who did not join the BJP is Mohammed Nasir.

The Opposition Congress slammed the decision of the five JD(U) lawmakers.

State Congress spokesperson Ningombam Bupenda Meitei in a tweet said: "Joining the JD-U MLAs to BJP is not only unconstitutional, but the act also attracts disqualification under the Constitution of India. There will be a move to the High Court to disqualify them. Save the Constitution, Save Democracy."

In August, Techi Kaso, the lone JD(U) legislator in Arunachal Pradesh joined the BJP. His switchover followed the parting of ways between the JD(U) and BJP in Bihar and the forging of a new alliance between Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav of the RJD.

Kashmir killings: SC tells NGO to approach govt.

SIT should probe 'genocide', says plea

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday gave petitioner 'We the Citizens', an NGO, the liberty to make a representation before appropriate authorities, namely the Centre, for a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the reasons behind the alleged targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits and Sikhs in Kashmir in 1990, which led to their exodus from the Valley.

"This is purely in the domain of the Executive," a Bench of Justices B. R. Gavai and C. T. Ravikumar observed orally. The petitioner's lawyer admitted that his client had not made a representation before the government.

The lawyer said that at the time the Ranbir Penal Code was in vogue, but the situation had changed since the withdrawal of special status to Kashmir and the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure Code was enforced now.

The plea has sought that an SIT should be formed to identify those who 'aided and abetted the genocide' of the Hindu and Sikh communities in the erstwhile State between 1989 and 2003.

'No conclusion yet'

It stated that the police and other State machinery at the time were so influenced by the leadership of the ruling political parties that no legal action was taken against the perpetrators of 'the religious killings and exodus'.

A number of FIRs registered at the time were not pursued to their logical conclusion even as it has been over 30 years since the 'ethnic cleansing', it contended. It also sought directions to the Union Territory to conduct a census of Hindus and Sikhs in J&K, who have been victims/survivors of genocide and now living elsewhere.

'Better for Rahul to take the reins'

No matter who heads party, he will still be blamed for failures, says T.S. Singh Deo

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

No matter who becomes the Congress president, Rahul Gandhi will remain the favourite whipping boy for everyone; therefore, it would be better for him to take the reins himself, Chhattisgarh Health Minister and senior party leader T.S. Singh Deo said on Friday.

> As far as Rahul ji is concerned, he has been greatly disadvantaged. He never completely had a free hand, in spite of that he had to bear brickbats for every defeat that the party suffered
>
> T.S. SINGH DEO, Congress leader

Speaking to *The Hindu* about the ongoing organisational elections, Mr. Deo said the present leadership vacuum should not continue. "I believe Sonia Gandhi must continue, but if her health does not permit, then the party should ensure that the current situation does not continue. There should be one clear point of authority. One individual, male or female, who will be the president of the party. There shouldn't be multiple power centres. That can not be healthy for the Congress," Mr. Deo said.

On July 16, Mr. Deo relinquished his portfolio of Panchayat and Rural Development, attacking his own government of not building eight lakh houses under the *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana* and blaming the government for undermining his position as Minister.

Senior party leaders K.C. Venugopal, Mukul Wasnik and Randeep Surjewala had met Mr. Deo in Delhi to hear out his grievances. In August last year, he staked claim to the Chief Minister post, reportedly on the strength of a promise made by then Congress president Rahul Gandhi. Nevertheless, more than a year later, the power struggle continues.

'Never had a free hand'

"As far as Rahul *ji* is concerned, he has been greatly disadvantaged. He never completely had a free hand, in spite of that he had to bear brickbats for every defeat that the party suffered. When the Congress won elections in Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, the credit did not go to him. But if anything goes wrong, he is blamed," Mr. Deo added.

The Chhattisgarh Minister said that in the backdrop of this, no matter who becomes the Congress president, the blame would still be thrown at Mr. Gandhi's door and therefore, he alone should take on the mantle.

The narrative of "any one but the Gandhis" is a BJP construct, Mr. Deo said, because, the BJP knew well that the Gandhi family could keep the party intact.

Collective consensus

While the elections were a good thing and should regularly happen, Mr. Deo said the party's internal polls were distinct from general elections where each eligible voter had a say. The party's president should be chosen by collective consensus otherwise the party would split asunder.

He also rejected the debate on electoral roll ignited by senior leader Anand Sharma's comment that the list of the 9,000 delegates who were eligible for voting should be made public. "If you start questioning the process, then there is no end to it," he added.

'Centre needs to focus on the economy'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre's efforts are only directed at "reset" of governments led by Opposition parties instead of chalking out a road map for the "reset of the economy", the Congress alleged on Friday.

"The economy needs a reset as soon as possible due to the changing global dynamics and India's sluggish growth... The government's efforts are only directed towards the reset of Opposition governments instead of chalking out a road map for the reset of the economy," Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said, referring to GDP numbers.

Cong. polls bring party divide to fore

While reformists insist on transparency, leaders close to high command hit back

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The upcoming presidential election in the Congress party has deepened the factional divide across States. While the reformists are insisting on greater transparency such as publishing the electoral roll on the party's website, leaders close to the party's high command are blaming them for "creating confusion".

Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor, who is said to be considering contesting the election, formally wrote to the chairman of the party's central election authority, Madhusudan Mistry, seeking the publication of the electoral rolls for the upcoming election to the post of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) president.

Shashi Tharoor is among those who have asked for the electoral rolls to be released.

Another Lok Sabha member from Assam, Pradyut Bordoloi, too, has written to Mr. Mistry asking him to make the list of delegates, who make up the electoral college, public. Their letters come just days after Lok Sabha members Manish Tewari and Karti Chidambaram made a similar demand to make the electors' list public

The growing debate about the procedure to be adopted in the presidential debate also reflects the intense factionalism in the Congress across States.

Though the demand to make the delegate list public has been turned down by general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, a powerful leader in Kerala, Mr. Tharoor represents the other view in Kerala Congress.

In Maharashtra, a section of the party led by PCC chief Nana Patole has been critical of the public statements made by the G-23 leaders, the ginger group that has been pushing for internal reforms in the party for the past two years, including former Maharashtra Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan.

The secretary of the Indian Overseas Congress, Virender Vashist, is said to have approached the disciplinary panel against Mr. Chavan.

In Haryana, former PCC chief Kumari Selja, considered very close to the Gandhi family, wrote a letter to the high command against former chief Bhupinder Singh Hooda for meeting former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who had quit the party last week.

Abhishek Banerjee targets Amit Shah after ED inquiry

Can't be threatened for comments on Shah's son: TMC leader

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Friday targeted Union Home Minister Amit Shah after he was questioned by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the coal pilferage scam.

Mr. Banerjee appeared before ED at the agency's office in Kolkata and was questioned for nearly six hours. After emerging from the central agency's office, Mr. Banerjee spoke to media persons for nearly 45 minutes, noting that he has been questioned three times by central agencies and his wife (Rujira Banerjee) has been summoned three times.

"After six times and nearing 60 hours of questioning the results are net zero... I have appeared three times and am ready to face questioning 30 times but I will not bow my head before the BJP," Mr. Banerjee said. The Trinamool leader added, "Just because I attacked Amit Shah's son over the national flag issue, I cannot be threatened by ED or CBI." Mr. Banerjee had on August 30 criticised BCCI secretary Jay Shah for appearing to turn down an offer to wave the national flag.

The central investigating agencies started an investigation in the coal pilferage scam in 2020. The scam involves illegal mining at leasehold mines of Eastern Coalfields (ECL) and misappropriation from the coal stock parked in Railway Sidings for sale and supply.

A-G disallows contempt proceedings against Sibal

'Remarks can be seen as fair comment'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Attorney General of India K.K. Venugopal has declined to give consent to a lawyer to initiate criminal contempt proceedings against senior advocate Kapil Sibal.

Mr. Sibal had criticised a judgment of the Supreme Court dismissing Zakia Jafri's allegations of a "larger conspiracy" behind the 2002 riots and a verdict upholding amendments made to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Mr. Venugopal, in his letter to advocate Vineet Jindal, said Mr. Sibal's statements pertaining to "loss of faith in the Supreme Court are not contemptuous on the face of it".

The AG, whose consent is mandatory to initiate contempt proceedings in the apex court, explained that the import of Mr. Sibal's statements merely indicate that the orders of the court are not implemented on the ground.

The AG said the statements of Mr. Sibal about the judgments would "fall squarely within the purview of 'fair comment'".

IN BRIEF

Parties on the same page on welfare issues: Birla

NEW DELHI

Differences of opinion notwithstanding, there is consensus on issues of public welfare among political parties in India, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Friday. Mr Birla made these remarks in Mexico, talking about the successful governance through democratic means in India.

Migrant worker shot at by militants in Pulwama

SRINAGAR

A migrant worker was shot at and injured by suspected militants in south Kashmir's Pulwama on Friday. "The terrorists fired upon one outside labourer Muneerul Islam from West Bengal at Ugergund Newa in Pulwama," the police said. The injured has been shifted to district hospital Pulwama, where he is stable. Security forces cordoned off the area after the incident and a manhunt is on to nab the attackers.

CBI arrests Trinamool leader with cash stash

KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday arrested Trinamool Congress leader and chairperson of Halisahar Municipality, Raju Sahani, in connection with an investigation in the chit fund scam. Sources said that cash to the tune of ₹80 lakh was recovered from Mr. Sahani's residence at Halisahar. A country-made firearm was also recovered from the Trinamool leader's residence in North 24 Parganas.

INS Vikrant is significant step for maritime security: Rahul

Past governments too played a role, says Jairam Ramesh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Congratulating the Indian Navy, the Naval design bureau and Cochin Shipyard for the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Friday described the commissioning of *INS Vikrant* as a significant step for India's maritime security.

"Many congratulations to the Indian Navy, the Naval Design Bureau and Cochin Shipyard for the many years of hard work that has made the vision of *INS Vikrant* come true. India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier, *Vikrant* is a significant step for India's maritime security," Mr. Gandhi tweeted.

> ***INS Vikrant* commissioned today is a collective effort of all governments**
>
> JAIRAM RAMESH

But the party's communications chief Jairam Ramesh slammed the Modi government for not acknowledging the role of past governments in the aircraft carrier's development.

He tweeted, "Then Defence Minister A.K. Antony launched India's first indigenous aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* on 12.08.2013. The PM commissioned it today. A self-reliant (Aatmanirbhar) India existed before 2014. All other Prime Ministers would have acknowledged continuity in governance."

Mr. Ramesh added, "India's 1st indigenous aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* commissioned today is a collective effort of all governments since 1999. Will PM acknowledge? Let us also recall the original *INS Vikrant* that served us well in the 1971 war. Much reviled Krishna Menon [former Defence Minister] played a key role in getting it from the UK".

Navy's ensign pays tribute to Shivaji

Design sees fourth change since 1950; twin octagonal borders draw inspiration from royal seal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Moving away from the colonial past, the Indian Navy on Friday adopted a new ensign inspired by the seal of *Maratha* king Chhatrapati Shivaji. It was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the commissioning of aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* here.

Flying high: The new naval ensign on *INS Vikrant* in Kochi on Friday. • THULASI KAKKAT

"The President of India has approved the introduction of the new designs of the naval ensign, as also the distinguishing flags, masthead pennants and car flags for the Indian Navy," the Navy said in a statement. "Formations, ships and establishments of the Indian Navy would be adopting the new naval ensign, as also the new distinguishing flags, car flags and masthead pennants."

Devanagari script

This is the fourth time the naval ensign has been changed since 1950.

The earlier ensign had the national flag in the upper left canton, red vertical and horizontal stripes and a golden-yellow National Emblem superimposed on the intersection of the red stripes. The national motto '*Satyamev Jayate*' engraved in Devanagari script, was included underneath the emblem.

The statement said that resonant to the ongoing national endeavour to move away from the colonial past, the need was felt to transition to a new design that drew inspiration from the country's history.

The white ensign identified nationwide with the Navy, now comprises two main constituents – the national flag in the upper left canton and a navy blue-gold octagon at the centre of the fly side (away from the staff), it stated.

The octagon is with twin golden octagonal borders encompassing the golden National Emblem (Lion Capital of Ashoka – under scribed with 'Satyamev Jayate' in blue Devanagari script) resting atop an anchor; and superimposed on a shield. Below the shield, within the octagon, in a golden-bordered ribbon on a navy blue background, is inscribed the motto of the Indian Navy '*Sam No Varunah*' in golden Devanagari script.

"The twin octagonal borders draw their inspiration from Shivaji Maharaj's *rajmudra* or the seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, one of the prominent Indian kings with a visionary maritime outlook, who built a credible naval fleet that earned grudging admiration from European navies operating in the region at the time," the Navy said.

'Civilisations like India, China have self-esteem'

India, Russia have strong bonds: Lavrov

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Russia's relations with India rest on a solid foundation which has been nurtured over the past 75 years since India's independence, said Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in a speech in Moscow. Addressing a group of students and officials at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, an institute of diplomacy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Mr. Lavrov singled out western representatives who had talked about "consequences" for countries that continued doing business with Russia against the backdrop of the Ukraine crisis.

Sergey Lavrov

"They 'rush about' with this and proudly declare in public that they demanded that such-and-such countries should impose sanctions against Russia, otherwise they will face consequences. From the perspective of not even diplomacy, but common sense, how can they make such arrogant public statements in relation to such countries as India, China, Turkey, Egypt, Indonesia? ...It is simply insulting to hear such demands," said Mr. Lavrov said on Thursday.

Affordable energy

His comments came a day before the G7 Finance Ministers agreed to put a price cap on Russian origin crude oil and petroleum products.

Recruitment scam: Cong. in Uttarakhand wants CBI probe

Ad-hoc hirings in Assembly were made by former Speaker

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

A list with names of people who got jobs in the Uttarakhand Assembly Secretariat purportedly due to their 'personal' connections has raised the political temperature in the State.

The Opposition Congress, which has demanded a CBI probe into the *ad-hoc* appointments, staged a protest outside the Secretariat on Friday.

The Congress protesting in Dehradun on Friday.

The list, whose source is as yet unknown, accuses Finance Minister Prem Chand Aggarwal of appointing in the Secretariat 72 persons with links to the BJP and the RSS leaders, during his term as Speaker from March 2017 to March this year. The hirings were made for posts in the Secretariat such as review officer, additional private secretary, deputy protocol officer, computer assistant and researcher.

The escalating protests prompted Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami to write to Speaker Ritu Khanduri Bhushan on Thursday requesting her to terminate appointments with any "irregularities" and come up with a "transparent provision for such appointments in future".

Mr. Aggarwal emphasised the discretionary nature of these appointments and said it was not the first time such appointments were made.

"The Chief Minister has already ordered a probe into recruitments in Vidhan Sabha from 2000 to 2021. I am ready for the probe, but maintain that I am not the first person to make such appointments. Those who got jobs were known to BJP leaders and me. Even in previous governments, Speakers have hired in such a manner," he said.

Feeling the heat, the BJP put out another list with names of persons linked to Congress leaders who got jobs in the Secretariat during the party's rule. Suryakant Dhasmana, vice-president of the State Congress unit, said his party was ready for a probe and would take action against anyone found guilty of favouritism or bias in appointments.

SC disposed of over 1,000 cases in past one week, says CJI

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court disposed of over a 1,000 cases in the past one week, Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit said on Friday.

In a felicitation given to him by the Bar Council of India, the Chief Justice said the message should go out to lawyers across the country that the "Supreme Court will try to dispose of as much as you are capable of bringing before the court".

Chief Justice Lalit said the total number of miscellaneous matters that the court disposed of in four days was 1,293. It wrapped up 106 regular cases and 440 transfer petitions. The CJI was sharing the latest disposal rate of the court in the past four days as given to him by the Secretary General of the Supreme Court. "This is what the number is, what we are constantly working towards, that is our endeavour, what we are striving to achieve," the CJI said.

This was the first working week for Justice Lalit as the Chief Justice of India. The week had seen sweeping changes in listing of cases, with focus on old pending cases, and more Benches of the court taking on as many as 50 to 60 cases each day.

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'Conversion therapy is misconduct'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Medical Commission (NMC), the apex regulatory body of medical professionals in India, has said that "conversion therapy" will be counted as professional misconduct. It has written to all the State Medical Councils, empowering them to take disciplinary action against medical professionals if they undertake "conversion therapy".

The move, according to experts, is a singularly significant step towards eliminating quackery.

According to experts "reparative" or "conversion" therapy is a dangerous practice that targets LGBTQ+ youth and seeks to change their sexual or gender identities.

Kejriwal promises loan waiver, higher MSP for Gujarat farmers

Delhi CM also pledges 12-hour power supply for irrigation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced a series of pre-poll "guarantees" for farmers, including waiver of farm loans, if his party was voted to power in Gujarat as he stepped up campaigning for the year-end Assembly election in the BJP-ruled State.

Arvind Kejriwal

On a two-day campaign in the Saurashtra region, Mr. Kejriwal said his party, if voted to power, would also create a mechanism to buy farm produce from farmers on Minimum Support Price (MSP) which would be higher than the market price of the produce.

Addressing a rally in Dwarka, the AAP leader promised to conduct a fresh land survey as farmers complained about irregularities with the one conducted recently by the BJP government.

On Friday, in a bid to woo farmers in politically important Saurashtra region which is a coastal agrarian belt, Mr. Kejriwal promised farm loan waiver up to ₹2 lakh and higher MSP and minimum 12 hours of power supply for irrigation to the farmers.

"Though MSP is announced every year, farm produce is not sold at that price. It is my guarantee that our government will buy at MSP if farmers do not find any other buyer who is willing to buy their produce at MSP," Mr. Kejriwal told farmers in the rally.

He also announced compensation for farmers for crop loss due to natural calamities such as drought or excess rainfall. On the lines of Delhi, Gujarat farmers would also get a compensation of ₹20,000 per acre in case of crop loss due to various calamities.

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Special maternity leave in case of infant death

Centre offers provision to employees

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre has decided to grant a 60-day special maternity leave for women Central government employees in case of stillbirth or death of an infant within a few days of birth, an order by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) on Friday said.

The DOPT said it had received several queries seeking clarification on grant of leave in case of death of a child soon after birth.

"The matter has been considered in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Keeping in view the potential emotional trauma caused due to stillbirth or death of a child soon after birth, which has a far-reaching impact on the mother's life, it has now been decided to grant a special maternity leave of 60 days to a female Central government servant," the order said.

"The condition for death of a child soon after birth may be defined as up to 28 days after birth. A baby born with no signs of life at or after 28 weeks of gestation may be defined as stillbirth," the order said.

The special maternity leave shall be given only to a woman Central government servant with less than two surviving children, the order said.

BSF's drone-based tear gas launcher is out

Technology to be used in riot control

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a first, the Border Security Force (BSF) has developed a drone-based tear smoke launcher to control riots and other crowd control situations. The BSF said in a statement on Friday that its tear smoke unit (TSU) in Tekanpur, Gwalior has developed a 'Drone Tear Smoke Launcher' for dropping munitions from unmanned aerial vehicles/ drones which will be a potential force multiplier to the security forces in law-and-order management.

An official said the technology will help in dropping multiple grenades at a time at accurate location.

"The chances of injuries from debris of the launched grenades will be minimal. The user can drop the grenades at a precise location, unlike the ones fired manually from a gun," said a BSF official.

The 42nd Annual Governing Body Meeting of the unit was held on Friday under the chairmanship of Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director General, BSF. He said that TSU is effectively producing and supplying anti-riot tear smoke munitions to all police forces for managing law and order situation. He said that indigenous production of non-lethal munitions by TSU has reduced dependence on foreign munition.

India, UAE hold talks on bilateral ties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ABU DHABI

India and the UAE have reiterated their commitment to achieving the ambitious goal of $100 billion of bilateral trade in the next five years.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar co-chaired a "very productive" meeting between the two nations and assessed the "significant progress" made in multiple domains of cooperation.

During the meeting, both nations expressed their deep satisfaction at the continued high growth trajectory of bilateral relations between India and the UAE.

Both ministers noted the cooperation between the two countries in various multilateral forums and international organisations, particularly in the UN Security Council in 2022.

Paddy cultivation sees decline

5.62% decrease in the area covered this year compared to 2021, data show

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The trend of decrease in paddy sowing has continued even as the monsoon season in north India is in its last legs. According to the data released by the Union Agriculture Ministry on Friday, the decrease in the area of paddy cultivation is 22.90 lakh hectares, 5.62% less than the area covered in 2021.

As of now, paddy has been cultivated in 383.99 lakh hectares of area and in the corresponding period of last year, it was 406.89 lakh hectares.

"Thus, 22.90 lakh hectares less area has been covered as compared to last year," the Centre said.

States such as Jharkhand (decrease of 9.80 lakh hectares), Madhya Pradesh (6.32 lakh hectares), West Bengal (4.45 lakh hectares), Chhattisgarh (3.91 lakh hectares), Uttar Pradesh (2.61 lakh hectares) and Bihar (2.18 lakh hectares) are the major contributors for the decrease in the cultivated area of paddy in this kharif season.

Paddy has been cultivated in 383.99 lakh hectares this year while the figure was 406.89 lakh hectares last year. • PTI

Meanwhile, States such as Telangana (increase of 4.71 lakh hectares), Haryana (0.94 lakh hectares), Nagaland (0.78 lakh hectares) and Gujarat (0.55 lakh hectares) showed an increase in the area of cultivation of paddy.

Farmers' organisations have been maintaining that the higher input cost, particularly the increase in prices of fertilizers, is the main reason for the decrease in paddy cultivation apart from scarcity of water. The government is hopeful about a normal monsoon this year.

Cultivation of pulses

The coverage of pulses too witnessed a marginal decrease. In this kharif season, the cultivation so far is in 129.55 lakh hectares compared to 135.46 lakh hectares in 2021. Increase in area in cultivation is reported from States such as Madhya Pradesh (4.08 lakh hectares), Uttar Pradesh (0.22 lakh hectares) and Assam (0.11 lakh hectares) while Maharashtra (decrease of 3.23 lakh hectares), Telangana (1.70 lakh hectares), Jharkhand (1.33 lakh hectares) and Karnataka (0.94 lakh hectares).

Tur/arhar cultivation was down marginally at 44.86 lakh hectares as against 47.56 lakh hectares in 2021.

Oilseeds have been cultivated in 188.51 lakh hectares in the country, slightly less than 189.66 lakh hectares of 2021. In the case of sugarcane, the cultivation is 55.65 lakh hectares, a slight increase in the production as compared to 54.70 lakh hectares in 2021 kharif.

IMD forecast predicts above average rainfall in September

Active spells in recent years is due to La Nina conditions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

For a third year in a row, India is expected to receive more than its usual quota of rain in September, a month that usually marks the retreat of the monsoon's four-month sojourn over the country.

"The rainfall averaged over the country as a whole during September 2022 is most likely to be above normal or greater than 9% of the long period average (LPA)," the IMD said in its updated forecast.

The LPA of rainfall over the country during the month of September based on data of 1971-2020 is about 167.9 mm.

In 2020, India saw 9% more rain, with August registering 27% more rain and September 4% more than its usual quota.

This year, the monsoon is already in surplus by about 6%, rainfall data show.

The rainfall over the country as a whole in 2021 was 1% less than normal, though rainfall in September was a remarkable 35% above what is usual.

This year, the monsoon is already in surplus by about 6%. Three years of above normal rain in a block of four years is unprecedented in more than a century of IMD's record keeping, the data suggest.

Why September has taken a shift towards excess rain is yet unknown, say meteorologists, though the active spells in the recent years is due to an active La Nina which began around September 2020. La Nina, marked by cooler temperatures in the Central Pacific, usually means heavier monsoonal rains.

"Currently, La Nina conditions are prevailing over the equatorial Pacific region. The latest forecast indicates that the La Nina conditions will continue up to the end of the year. Other climate models are also indicating continuation of La Nina conditions during the upcoming season," the IMD added.

SC dismisses plea to make Sanskrit national language

Bench says the issue lies in the realm of policy

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea to make Sanskrit the national language.

A Bench of Justices M.R. Shah and Krishna Murari declined to issue notice on the petition for the "sake of publicity".

The Court said the issue was in the realm of policy, requiring constitutional amendments which entailed detailed discussion in Parliament and not in the courtroom.

The petitioner's lawyer invoked Sanskrit as a "mother language" from which other languages took inspiration. In a bid to press his point, he repeatedly invoked oriental scholar Sir William Jones and his study of the ancient language.

"We know that several languages have taken words from Sanskrit, but that does not mean it can be declared as a national language by us," the Bench said.

The Bench asked the petitioner to speak a paragraph in Sanskrit when the latter talked about the need to make it the national language at least through an executive order.

The court finally dismissed the case.

'Fertilizer scarcity may hamper crop cycle'

Scientist flags fragility in food systems today

A.M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

South Asian countries may see fertilizer scarcity in the next crop cycle as a result of the conflict situation in Ukraine and Russia, said Bram Govaerts, Director General of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) and the Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA).

Dr. Govaerts, who is here to address a two-day high-level conference of South Asian countries on "Agriculture Research for Development," said the biggest challenge was how to feed the world, which arose because of the three sub-challenges – climate change, COVID-19 and the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. The meet, which began on Thursday, is specifically discussing the foodgrain situation in Sri Lanka and the impact of the recent floods on Pakistan's food security.

Bram Govaerts

Talking to presspersons, Dr. Govaerts said the world was seeing fragility on food systems. On the Russia-Ukraine conflict, he said the world needed to dissect the impact of it.

"The first impact was that 25% of the grains globally did not reach the areas where it should have reached. The next impact is on fertilizers. Fertilizer scarcity is going to impact only in the next growing season, but this will have an impact on the whole world not only in those areas that import wheat from the conflict-hit regions," he said.

For the foodgrain shortage problem, he said India was potentially a solution as the country produced a lot of wheat.

He said that there were several policy changes that could be adopted to address these crisis, but the key element was to stimulate investment in research and innovation.

CBI probe in Bengal: HC upholds order

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

In yet another setback to the West Bengal government, a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court on Friday upheld an order of its Single Bench directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate alleged irregularities in primary teacher appointments.

The Division Bench also directed that the investigation would be monitored by the Single Bench.

The court had directed that the Single Bench order terminating 269 appointees from their jobs would remain till the disposal of the case before the Single Bench. The appointees have selectively got the benefit of one additional mark from the West Bengal Primary Education Board.

Advocate Firdous Shamim, who had approached the High Court, said that the Division Bench had upheld the order of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay. Senior Counsel Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya welcomed the order and said that irregularities in appointment of teachers required thorough investigation.

During the day, the Student Federation of India (SFI), the student wing of the CPI(M), held protests in different parts of the city against the scam. Senior CPI(M) leaders participated in a public meeting organised by the SFI in Kolkata where Left Front chairman Biman Bose alleged massive irregularities in the recruitment process.

Adhikari's plea to transfer poll plea rejected

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari's plea to transfer an election petition filed by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee outside the State.

A Bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud told Mr. Adhikari that it will "not allow his choice of High Courts".

When Mr. Adhikari's lawyer, senior counsel Harish Salve, voiced apprehensions about the hostile atmosphere created whenever the case regarding election petition came up for hearing, the apex court said "judges have broad shoulders and have power under the law to deal with these situations".

The senior lawyer finally withdrew the plea.

Counting curses by menfolk to keep toxicity at bay

Selfie with Daughter Foundation launches campaign to keep a check on foul language

ANUJ KUMAR
GHAZIABAD

How do we rein in a stream of profanities? The Selfie with Daughter Foundation believes it has found a way.

To make Uttar Pradesh free of abusive language, the foundation has launched an innovative campaign whereby a chart is put up in houses and the number of abuses hurled by male members of a family in a day are marked and counted.

Starting the *Gaali Band* (stop abusing) campaign from Meerut district of western Uttar Pradesh, Sunil Jaglan, director of the foundation, said male members in the region used cuss words at home that were directed at women, be it mother or daughter, or female private parts.

"To curb this social disease, we have launched a campaign by roping in women volunteers who put the chart at home and keep a count of the cuss words used," Mr. Jaglan said.

Known for holding Lado (girls') panchayats in villages, Mr. Jaglan started the *Beti Bachao* campaign in 2012 in his village in Jind district of Haryana.

His Selfie with Daughter initiative has been praised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a national award-winning documentary has been made on his work.

The abusive language, he said, had become so integral to daily life that men often did not realise how they made the social environment toxic.

"The idea is to help them reflect on their behaviour, first at home and then in society."

On the charts, images of revered women from four prominent religions could be seen.

Alfisha, a volunteer who lives on Hapur road, said that her father, who makes a living by stitching clothes, often used abusive language at home. "Even if it is directed at his friends and foes, the cuss words are always about women. When I spoke to him, he realised that using such words is a sin in our religion. He still abuses but the frequency has come down," said the graduate from Chaudhary Charan Singh University in Meerut.

Alfisha has spread the word among her young neighbours who take tuition from her.

Mohammed Zubair, a resident of Meerut, said he did not realise how often he used women-centric cuss words till his sisters started noting them down. "The chart has helped me curb this habit."

Fair compensation will be given, says Ministry

Chakma group had approached NHRC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has assured the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) that it would not evict any exploration project-affected people in Arunachal Pradesh without paying compensation to them.

The Chakma Development Foundation of India (CDFI) had filed a complaint on January 20 against the attempted eviction of Chakma and Deori communities from Mudukka Nallah and Sompoi-II villages under Diyun circle of Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district, for an onshore oil and gas exploration and drilling project.

The CDFI had slammed the State government for planning the eviction "in connivance with" Oil India Limited without paying the affected people fair compensation under the provisions of the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (LARR) Act, 2013, by claiming that the people were staying on forestland.

The foundation said the Chakmas and Deoris living in the two villages for six decades are project-affected families according to Section 3(c) of the LARR Act. This Section pertains to a family whose land or other immovable property has been acquired, or whose members are dependent on forests or water bodies among others.

Following the Petroleum Ministry's assurance, the NHRC closed the case on August 31.

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(set by Arden)

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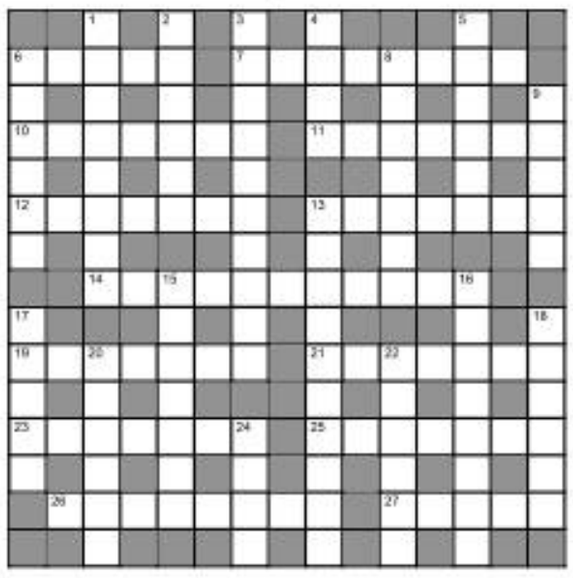

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6 Specific action to allow some growth (5)
7 Evergreen – only boss gets named (8)
10 Information over wearing cap in the country (7)
11 See those wandering in the country (7)
12 First one to involve Netherlands in tragedy (7)
13 Arab people in the desert mostly (7)
14 I let Carlson exchange a white knight, perhaps (3,8)
19 Cut tested over a short distance (7)
21 Intelligence gathering, oddly, Nepal's in shock (7)
23 Democratic country's review of convention on nobility (7)
25 Come back for rent, Bill loses cover (7)
26 Sad day, have to throw away (8)
27 Fast runner finds direction on ground (5)

Down

1 One therefore supports electric plant (8)
2 Watch over royal bard (6)
3 Playwright's Christmas chicken (4,6)
4 Ring oddly prevails (4)
5 Explicit pessimism brings up something rotten (6)
6 Vehicle covers way only on one wheel (6)
8 Nothing to sort out inside air passage (7)
9 Crazy only protects, only crazy (5)
13 Back on rail, obviously not the best (6,4)
15 A month to raise and another to fast (7)
16 Nicaragua's capital is Managua, it has its own charm (8)
17 Go through class report, you should identify the finalists (5)
18 Army division's final rise (6)
20 Stationery item turns to pink (6)
22 Big city makes one sleepless, in short (6)
24 Second time going around a water body (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13650

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Kamsa is outwitted

In the Devi Bhagavata Purana, Vyasa highlights the glories of Goddess Yogamaya in the context of Krishna avatar and her role in the subsequent end of Kamsa, pointed out Sri K. Srinivasan in a discourse.

The seventh garba in Devaki was the amsa of Adisesha. Yoga Maya's force transferred this foetus to Rohini's garba who is born as Balarama. But in the eyes of the world it appeared that Devaki had a miscarriage. Kamsa was filled with fear about the arrival of the eighth son of Devaki and planned to kill the child as soon as it was born. When Krishna was born, the power of Yoga Maya took charge to foil Kamsa's strict security measures. A magic spell was cast to send the guards to sleep. Vasudeva was freed of the chains, and the locked prison doors opened. As he then carried the child in the dead of that rainy night, he was guided by divine force all along. Even as heavy rains had flooded the Yamuna, he found that the river parted its waters to provide a path for him to wade through and cross over to Gokula. At that very moment, Yasodha gave birth to Yoga Maya, the very Maha Devi.

The new born infants were exchanged and Vasudeva quickly returned with his heart full of joy and placed the child beside Devaki. Kamsa rushed to the prison on hearing the cries of the infant and was astonished to see a female child. He ruthlessly caught hold of it by her legs and, raising her high up in the air, was going to strike her against a stone, when she slipped out of his hands and rising high in the air, she assumed a divine appearance and gently spoke to Kamsa, thus: "What will you get by killing me? Your powerful enemy is already born on the earth. He will certainly kill you."

Afghanistan mosque blast kills 18 people

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KABUL

A huge bomb blast on Friday at one of the biggest mosques in western Afghanistan killed at least 18 persons, including an influential imam who earlier this year called for those who commit "the smallest act" against the government to be beheaded.

Images posted on Twitter showed what appeared to be blood-stained bodies scattered around the compound of Gazargah Mosque in Herat city.

At least 18 persons were killed and 23 wounded in Friday's blast, said Hameedullah Motawakel, spokesman for the governor of Herat province.

Government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed Mujib ur Rahman Ansari, the imam of the mosque, was among the dead.

Mr. Ansari was an influential cleric known for his fiery speeches. In July, during a religious gathering in Kabul, he strongly defended Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers.

Biden: Trump, allies threaten foundations of the republic

They are determined to take this country backwards, says the U.S. President

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PHILADELPHIA

U.S. President Joe Biden took fierce aim on Thursday at Donald Trump and his "extremist" supporters, labelling them enemies of American democracy in a prime-time address that sought to fire up voters ahead of key midterm elections.

Speaking in Philadelphia, the cradle of U.S. democracy, the President launched an extraordinary assault on those Republicans who embrace Mr. Trump's 'Make America Great Again' ideology – and urged his own supporters to fight back.

"Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic," thundered Mr. Biden, speaking near the spot where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were adopted more than two centuries ago.

Fresh salvo: U.S. President Joe Biden speaking outside the Independence Hall in Philadelphia in the U.S on Thursday. • AP

"They embrace anger. They thrive on chaos. They live not in the light of truth but in the shadow of lies."

"There is no place for political violence in America. Period. None. Ever," warned the 79-year-old Democrat – in a reference to last year's assault on the U.S. Capitol by hardline Trump supporters refusing to accept his defeat.

Citing the nationwide assault on abortion rights by hardline conservatives – and fears for other freedoms ranging from contraception access to same-sex marriage – the U.S. leader charged that 'MAGA forces' were 'determined to take this country backwards'.

Join forces

With control of Congress in the balance come November, Mr. Biden appealed directly to mainstream Republicans to join forces with Democrats and repudiate Mr. Trump's brand of politics – which still holds sway over much of his party.

And he made it clearer than ever that Democrats intended to make the midterms a referendum on Mr. Trump, saying the Republican Party was wholly "dominated, driven and intimidated" by the former President and his MAGA agenda.

"And that is a threat to this country," he said, insisting American democracy had to be defended. "Protect it. Stand up for it," Mr. Biden urged.

Mr. Trump hit back at Mr. Biden on his Truth Social site late on Thursday, saying the President is unfit for office. "If he doesn't want to Make America Great Again, which through words, action, and thought, he doesn't, then he certainly should not be representing the United States of America!" Mr. Trump wrote.

A new poll published on Thursday by *The Wall Street Journal* shows that if the midterm elections were held today, 47% of eligible voters would cast ballots for Democrats, and 44% would vote Republican.

G7 agrees to implement price cap on Russian oil

The group plans to deny shipping to oil above the price cap

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

The group of seven advanced economies (G7) agreed to implement a price cap on oil exports from Russia at a virtual meeting of their Finance Ministers on Friday. The move is aimed at cutting off a source of financing for Moscow as its invasion of Ukraine continues. With London being a major global centre for maritime insurance, the plan hinges on denying shipping to oil above the price cap.

The group confirmed its "joint political intention to finalise and implement a comprehensive prohibition of services which enable maritime transportation of Russian-origin crude oil and petroleum products globally", according to a statement from the G7 Finance Ministers.

The actual ceiling price was not announced, with the G7 saying it invites "all countries" to provide input. The initial price cap will be based on a "range of technical inputs" and revisited subsequently as required.

Tough posturing: A file photo of the G7 Finance Ministers. • AP

The price cap is being designed, as per the G7, to limit Russia from "profiting from its war of aggression" while limiting the impact on global energy prices. Inflation is already high globally as well as in most of the G7 countries.

For the price caps to work, India and China will likely need to be involved, although India has purchased Russian oil at low or discounted prices after the February 24 invasion of Ukraine, with the government defending the move on grounds of national interest.

The U.S. has held talks with the government to win support for the oil price caps, including on a visit by U.S. Deputy Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo to India at the end of August.

Timing of ban

The G7 is aiming to align the timing of the price cap with an EU ban on seaborne imports of crude oil from Russia, that comes into effect on December 5, and a petroleum products embargo that takes effect on February 5.

'Chinese investment' in sea cucumber farm kicks off concerns in Sri Lanka

Northern fishermen see the govt. thrust on commercial aquaculture as a threat

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Citing media reports of a Chinese firm investing in a sea cucumber farm in Pungudutivu, off Jaffna Peninsula in northern Sri Lanka, local fishermen have raised concern over its potential impact on their livelihoods, marine ecosystem, and land.

"We recognise the need for investment in our war-affected region, but the sea cucumber farms are mainly for exports. They will only bring more harm than benefit for those of us living here," said Annalingam Annarasa, president of the Jaffna Fisheries Federation. The commercial ventures, they fear, could adversely affect the local marine ecology on which their livelihoods rely.

Mixed feelings: Though they recognise the need for foreign capital, farmers feel in this case it will only do them harm. • AP

Small-scale artisanal fishermen like him see the government's recent push on aquaculture as the latest blow to their livelihoods, already precarious due to the relentless bottom-trawling by Indian fishermen in their seas for years, and the drastic, nearly four-fold increase in kerosene price last month.

In 2021, Sri Lanka exported about 336 tonnes of sea cucumber to China, Singapore, and Hong Kong, according to local media reports. Desperate to find dollars to stabilise its battered economy, the Sri Lankan government appears to have identified potential for both foreign investment and exports in breeding and selling the sausage-shaped marine animal considered a delicacy in China and Southeast Asia. Locals do not consume sea cucumbers.

In June this year, the Cabinet approved a proposal for a large-scale commercial sea cucumber project spanning 5,000 acres in Jaffna, Mannar, Kilinochchi and Batticaloa districts in the north and east, after Sri Lanka earned "a significant amount" of foreign exchange by exporting sea cucumbers. The proposal came from Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda, who represents Jaffna district in Parliament. The National Aquaculture Development Authority functioning under his Ministry is leading the initiative.

"We need both investment and technology in the north to cultivate sea cucumbers. I have been asking India for five to six years but have not had any response. We must explore other options, right? We are only talking to a Chinese firm, no project has been finalised yet," Mr. Devananda told *The Hindu*, adding he will "never allow" any threat to India's security concerns. Pungudutivu, where the farm is being proposed, is near Nainativu, which is one of the three islands where Sri Lanka had cleared a Chinese renewable energy project last year. However, with India objecting to it, citing the project's proximity to its southern coast, Sri Lanka cancelled the venture, instead agreeing to accommodate an Indian project at the three sites.

Jobs or conflict?

The sea cucumber projects will "certainly bring jobs locally," the Minister further said, ensuring the project will not affect local fishermen.

When contacted, the Chinese Embassy said it had no information yet on a Chinese firm investing in a sea cucumber farm in the small island off Jaffna Peninsula.

"It could be a private company negotiating on a commercial basis," a spokesman said.

However, pointing to an existing joint venture between a Chinese firm and Sri Lanka, in the coastal village of *Ariyalai* in Jaffna, the Chinese official said "it has created about 1,000 jobs for nearby villages. Last year, it provided 5 lakh sea cucumber seedlings to local farmers for free and $1 million was brought in."

Another Chinese project in the neighbouring Kilinochchi district faced stiff opposition last year from local fishermen who objected to the farm fencing off some land adjoining the sea, restricting access to even local fishermen.

"We agitated since they were not consulting us, and we noticed that while the firm was promoted a hatchery, they were actually fishing the sea cucumbers from our waters. That sort of large catch on a regular basis can really damage our marine resources," said K. Baheerathan of the Koutharimunai Fishermen's Association.

Russian gas pipeline to Germany will stay shut

Gazprom cites urgent maintenance works as reason for deferring the supply

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

Russian energy giant Gazprom said on Friday that it can't resume the supply of natural gas through a key pipeline to Germany for now because of what it said was a need for urgent maintenance work, just hours before it was due to recommence deliveries.

The Russian state-run energy company had shut down the Nord Stream 1 pipeline on Wednesday for what it said would be three days of work.

It said in a social media post Friday evening that it had identified "malfunctions" of a turbine and added that the pipeline would not work unless those were rectified.

It was the latest development in a saga in which Gazprom has advanced technical problems as the reason for reducing gas flows through Nord Stream 1 – explanations that German officials have rejected as a cover for a political power play following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

'Leaks identified'

Gazprom said it had identified oil leaks from four turbines at the Portovaya compressor station at the Russian end of the pipeline, including the sole operational one.

It claimed to have received warnings from Russia's industrial safety watchdog that the leaks "do not allow for safe, trouble-free operation of the gas turbine engine."

"In connection with this, it is necessary to take appropriate measures and suspend further operation of the ... gas compressor unit in connection with the identified gross (safety) violations," the company said.

Gotabaya set to return to Sri Lanka

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Bankrupt Sri Lanka's deposed former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is expected to end his self-imposed exile in Thailand and return home imminently, authorities told *AFP* on Friday.

The 73-year-old fled the island under military escort in July after unarmed crowds stormed his official residence, following months of demonstrations blaming him for the nation's economic crisis.

He issued his resignation in Singapore before flying onward to Bangkok, from where he has been petitioning his successor to facilitate his return, now slated for late Friday evening or early Saturday.

"He has been living in a Thai hotel as a virtual prisoner and was keen to return," an official said.

Close shave: A man pointing a gun against Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner near her home in Buenos Aires on Thursday. • AFP

Man held for bid to kill Argentine Vice President

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BUENOS AIRES

A man attempted to shoot Argentine Vice President Cristina Kirchner near her home in Buenos Aires on Thursday.

"Cristina remains alive, because for a reason that has not yet been technically confirmed, the gun which contained five bullets did not fire despite the trigger having been pulled," Argentina's President Alberto Fernandez said.

Footage of the incident showed the man pointing a handgun at close range at Ms. Kirchner, who was the country's leader from 2007 to 2015 and is now facing corruption charges.

Security Minister Anibal Fernandez said a suspect had been arrested on Thursday night but investigators still needed to examine the crime scene.

Local media reported that the suspect was a 35-year-old Brazilian national.

Suu Kyi gets more jail for 'election fraud'

REUTERS

Myanmar's deposed former leader Aung San Suu Kyi was found guilty of electoral fraud on Friday and sentenced by a judge to three years in jail with hard labour, according to a source familiar with the proceedings.

The Nobel laureate and figurehead of Myanmar's opposition to decades of military rule has been detained since a coup early last year. On Friday, she was judged to have committed fraud in a November 2020 general election that her National League for Democracy (NLD) won with an overwhelming legislative majority, trouncing a party created by the powerful military.

Co-defendant Win Myint, the deposed President, was given the same sentence, the source said.

MARKET WATCH

	02-09-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,803	0.06
US Dollar	79.87	-0.38
Gold	50,729	0.01
Brent oil	94.01	2.60

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	851.95	14.15
Apollo Hosp	4312.35	35.20
Asian Paints	3431.05	-15.50
Axis Bank	750.20	6.05
Bajaj Auto	4030.90	-45.40
Bajaj Finserv	17329.25	-77.15
Bajaj Finance	7190.35	9.05
Bharti Airtel	735.00	-0.05
BPCL	321.95	-9.40
Britannia Ind	3704.25	-13.90
Cipla	1015.60	-7.40
Coal India	229.30	-1.00
Divis Lab	3598.15	-1.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4189.95	-12.15
Eicher Motors	3422.10	10.50
Grasim Ind	1687.90	2.90
HCL Tech	924.45	-1.60
HDFC	2444.35	40.15
HDFC Bank	1485.50	13.35
HDFC Life	574.85	-0.75
Hero MotoCorp	2825.15	-51.50
Hindalco	414.90	-7.05
Hind Unilever	2603.60	-2.40
ICICI Bank	872.40	-1.95
Indusind Bank	1100.75	-10.65
Infosys	1453.00	-11.20
ITC	323.15	5.55
JSW Steel	661.40	-0.20
Kotak Bank	1918.85	16.00
L&T	1940.50	27.55
M&M	1315.95	3.90
Maruti Suzuki	8919.60	-104.90
Nestle India Ltd.	19561.80	-171.15
NTPC	161.80	1.10
ONGC	132.75	-1.95
PowerGrid Corp	224.20	-1.90
Reliance Ind	2530.50	-29.90
SBI Life	1288.20	-8.35
State Bank	536.70	3.40
Shree Cement	21088.40	-497.75
Sun Pharma	869.55	-2.10
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	833.70	-4.70
Tata Motors	461.75	-5.15
Tata Steel	105.50	-0.90
TCS	3130.40	-1.30
Tech Mahindra	1056.40	3.50
Titan	2612.60	-9.40
UltraTech Cement	6577.50	-55.00
UPL	745.80	-10.65
Wipro	407.70	-2.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 02

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.60	79.92
Euro	79.52	79.84
British Pound	91.96	92.34
Japanese Yen (100)	56.66	56.88
Chinese Yuan	11.52	11.57
Swiss Franc	80.93	81.27
Singapore Dollar	56.76	56.99
Canadian Dollar	60.55	60.79
Malaysian Ringitt	17.74	17.82
Australian Dollar	54.17	54.39

Source: Indus Bank

IN BRIEF

Starbucks names Laxman Narasimhan as next CEO

Starbucks has named a longtime PepsiCo executive as its new CEO. The coffee giant said on Thursday that Laxman Narasimhan will join Starbucks on October 1 after relocating from London to Seattle, where Starbucks is based. He will work closely with Starbucks' interim CEO Howard Schultz. AP

'Ensure digital loans fit with norms by Nov. 30'

MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank has given time till November 30 to banks and NBFCs to put in place a mechanism to ensure that existing digital loans are in compliance with the modified norms aimed at protecting the interest of customers. Last month, the central bank tightened norms for 'digital lending' to prevent charging of exorbitant interest rates by certain entities. PTI

Effect of rate increases unclear: Varma

Pace of RBI's interest rate adjustment will depend on the state of the economy, says MPC member

REUTERS
MUMBAI

The success of the Reserve Bank of India's interest rate increases in controlling inflation is not yet clear, and the pace of rate adjustment will depend on the state of the economy, monetary policy committee (MPC) member J.R. Varma said on Friday.

"If there is robust economic growth, then we would like to accelerate the (inflation) reduction to 4%," Mr. Varma told the Reuters Trading India forum. "But if the economy is struggling, then a slower pace of adjustment would be appropriate."

The RBI raised its policy repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) in August to 5.40%, taking the total increases since May to 140 bps. Its next policy decision is due on September 30, with expectations of an increase of less than 50 bps.

Carefully calibrated: Given the high inflation and weak economy, the real, inflation-adjusted rate may have to be only slightly above the neutral rate, says Varma. • PAUL NORONHA

By tightening liquidity, the central bank has also pushed interbank interest rates higher within a band, called the corridor, that is defined by the rates at which it borrows from or lends to banks.

"The movement of market interest rates from the lower end of the corridor to the upper end... is itself a form of tightening, and so the actual rate hike is not 140 bps but perhaps 205 bps," he said.

Mr. Varma also said there was no consensus on India's neutral real rate, which the RBI defines as the real (inflation-adjusted) interest rate at which economic growth is close to potential and inflation is stable. But he pointed to estimates ranging between 0.5% and 1.5%.

'Neutral real rate'

"We are now in a situation of high inflation and weak economy. So the real rate might have to be only slightly above the neutral rate," he said, adding the real rate needs to be computed using projected inflation of 3-4 quarters ahead and not based on current inflation.

Based on that expectation, Mr. Varma said he sees further room for the Reserve Bank of India to increase interest rates. "But perhaps not too much," he said, adding, "this debate is really for the next meeting."

'India-U.S. inflation differential to back rupee'

Yes Securities cites faster U.S. inflation

REUTERS
MUMBAI

The inflation rate differentials between the U.S. and India suggest that the worst of the rupee's decline may be over, an analyst at Yes Securities said on Friday.

The rupee has depreciated more than 7% against the dollar this year on aggressive monetary tightening by the Federal Reserve to quell inflation. The local currency had touched a record low of 80.12 against the dollar earlier this week, before the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) intervened to arrest its decline, traders said.

U.S. consumer inflation in is running at 8.5%, more than four times the Fed's medium-term target. July CPI inflation in India was at 6.7%, above the RBI's tolerance band of 2-6%.

"While there are a number of variables that influence currency moves, when looked at through the prism of the inflation differentials, it seems that the worst for the rupee is behind us," Hitesh Jain, senior VP at Yes Securities, said.

"The inflation differential has turned topsy-turvy... with price pressure in the U.S. of a higher magnitude.

"This trend is projected to sustain for the next 12 months, which effectively places rupee in a comfortable situation," Mr. Jain said, adding that historical data showed inflation differentials tend to have a strong correlation with the currency trajectory.

June-quarter GDP data signals lower trend growth: Nomura

'India's growth may slow from 7% in FY23 to 5.2% in FY24'

REUTERS
MUMBAI

India's gross domestic product (GDP) data indicated that while domestic demand improved in the June quarter, growth was much slower in the sectors hardest hit by the pandemic, signaling deeper scarring and lower trend growth, Nomura said.

Based on the GDP and high-frequency data, domestic demand momentum did improve sequentially in the April-June period, but the slow recovery in the pandemic-hit sectors suggests lower post-pandemic trend growth, Sonal Varma, chief economist (India and Asia ex-Japan) at Nomura, wrote in a note.

"Despite reopening benefiting the contact-intensive services sectors, the underwhelming performance of the most vulnerable segments suggests potentially deeper scarring," she said.

She pointed out that three sectors – manufacturing, construction and trade, and hotels, transport and communication - showed disappointing GDP momentum in the June quarter. Outside of agriculture, these three sectors employ more unorganised sector workers.

"Their slower rebound, despite reopening, suggests firms have either shutdown or are no longer contributing to production, whereas larger firms have thrived and gained market shares."

In light of the above and the incoming cyclical growth headwinds in the form of spillover effects from weakening global growth momentum, and fading pent-up demand, Nomura expects GDP growth to slow from 7% year-on-year in the current fiscal to 5.2% in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

IOC borrows ₹2,500 cr. at 7.14% coupon

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NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's top oil firm, raised ₹2,500 crore in debt through non-convertible debentures (NCD) at an interest rate lower than government bonds, its director (finance) Sandeep Gupta said on Friday.

"Today, Indian Oil fetched a competitive price of a 5-year unsecured NCD issue at an annual fixed coupon of 7.14%," he told PTI. This rate is lower than the prevailing annualised yield of benchmark G-Sec for similar maturity.

The prevailing annualised yield of the 5-year G-Sec is 7.16%.

The issue was oversubscribed by more than eight times of the base issue size.

G-7 agrees to price cap system for Russian oil

'Move to curb Russia's funding for war'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrial powers on September 2 pledged to put in place a system designed to cap Russia's income from oil sales, an idea that the nations' leaders had promised to explore at their summit in June.

The aim is to reduce Russia's revenues and, by doing so, its ability to fund its war in Ukraine, while also limiting the impact of the war on global energy prices.

In a statement issued by Germany, the ministers said they "confirm our joint political intention to finalise and implement a comprehensive prohibition of services which enable maritime transportation of

Russian-origin crude oil and petroleum products globally." Providing those services "would only be allowed if the oil and petroleum products are purchased at or below the price cap."

To be effective, the price cap would have to involve as many importing countries as possible, in particular India, where refiners have been snapping up cheap Russian oil.

GMR Group to divest stake in Cebu airport

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NEW DELHI

GMR Group on Friday said it would divest its entire 40% stake in Cebu international airport in the Philippines for an upfront payment of ₹1,330 crore as well as earnouts to be received over a period of more than four years.

The airport is being operated by GMR-Megawide Cebu Airport Corporation and GMR Airports International BV holds a 40% stake in the venture.

According to a regulatory filing, the stake is being divested as part of the focus on deleveraging GMR Airports Ltd. and churning assets for higher returns on investment.

GMR Group won the Cebu airport project in 2014.

SpiceJet said to likely get ₹225 cr. in ECLGS funds

High fuel price, rupee value hits airline

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet, which is facing financial headwinds, is likely to receive about ₹225 crore under the government's credit guarantee scheme next week, according to a source.

Hit by high fuel prices and rupee depreciation, the budget carrierday posted a net loss of ₹789 crore for June quarter and also said its board has approved raising up to ₹2,000 crore.

On Friday, the source said the airline is expected to receive about ₹225 crore next week under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

Under the scheme, announced in May 2020 in the wake of the pandemic to help various sectors, entities will get credit at a concessional rate of 7%. The source also said a new Chief Financial Officer is expected to join the airline next week. In recent months, SpiceJet has been facing turbulent times, including financial headwinds.

Daimler to roll out alternative fuel-based products soon: Arya

DICV working on options for both buses, trucks, says CEO

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) is working on alternative fuel-based products and the first such product will be rolled out soon, said MD & CEO Satyakam Arya.

"We are absolutely looking at all options because we believe India definitely needs an alternative to diesel," he said.

Right now, DICV is working on alternative fuels such as hydrogen, CNG and electric, and is looking for an appropriate time to introduce those for buses and trucks.

Satyakam Arya

"Now, the fuel with which we work is under question. And, there are lot of other options which we have to work on," he said.

"This means we have to invest in all these technologies so that we are ready. That's what we are doing right now," the CEO added.

When asked for details, he said: "It is for both [buses and trucks]. The commercial vehicle is very segment specified."

On Friday, DICV entered into a pact with IIT-Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) to set up a technology epicentre to identify mid-to-long term solutions for future mobility solutions.

Along with IITMIC, DICV will identify, mentor, and provide opportunities to Indian technology start-ups that will work towards finding futuristic solutions for the Indian mobility space.

Samsung, Apple may gain from parallel-testing push

'India aims to cut product testing time'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

India will try out a strategy of parallel testing to speed up safety approvals for new electronic devices, an industry group told Reuters, a move that could boost device-unveiling plans by the likes of Samsung and Apple.

The move comes as India scrambles to remove bottlenecks faced by businesses, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi bullish on an electronics hardware manufacturing industry his government targets to be worth $300 billion by 2026.

The plan to test different components of the devices simultaneously looks set to

cut as much as five to eight weeks from the 16 to 21 now often needed to test and certify products ranging from wireless earbuds to smartphones.

"For consumers, this will result in faster access to the latest products," the group, MAIT, said in its statement.

Firms such as Apple, Samsung and Xiaomi are among its members.

SPORT

Kalyan Choubey to take over as AIFF president

The former goalkeeper wins the election in a landslide as Bhutia manages just one vote

UTHRA GANESAN
NEW DELHI

It was always expected to be an easy victory for Kalyan Choubey but even by Indian sports administration standards, his 33-1 win against Bhaichung Bhutia to become president of the All India Football Federation on Friday was an unexpected landslide.

Choubey, the 45-year old former East Bengal and Mohun Bagan goalkeeper, became the first player-turned-president in AIFF's 85-year old history. Having joined the BJP a few years ago, he had also unsuccessfully contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

And even though he insisted his victory had nothing to do with his political affiliations – "my identity is first and foremost as a footballer that no one can deny," he declared during an impromptu press meet – there was no denying the patronage he enjoyed. "Tell me one federation at any level that does not have political support," he questioned.

New beginning: Chaubey, AIFF's new president, is flanked by treasurer Ajay Kipa and vice-president N.A. Haris. • AIFF MEDIA

What was interesting was that with just one vote from the 34-member valid electoral college, Bhutia, the former national captain clearly could not muster even the votes from those who proposed and seconded his nomination.

With the 14 members of the Executive Committee being elected unopposed, the contest was on for only the three top posts. Karnataka's N.A. Haris defeated Manvendra Singh 29-5 for the vice-president's post while, Arunachal Pradesh's Ajay Kipa won 31-2 against Gopalakrishna Kosaraju for treasurer. Bhutia said he would continue as an 'eminent player' member of the Executive Committee. Six players – four men and two women – would be co-opted to complete the 23-member EC.

Bhutia left immediately after the result was known. "I hope Kalyan will take Indian football forward. I have been working with football even before the elections and will continue to do that now also," he said.

Making the right noises

Choubey, meanwhile, made all the right noises about working together for realistic targets and not selling dreams.

"We all can agree that Bhaichung's contribution to Indian football can be matched by very few and we welcome him (in EC). Every person who can contribute will be taken together to move ahead as a united team," he said even though the latter was conspicuous by his absence.

Detailing the immediate future of the newly-elected EC, Choubey said he had spoken to FIFA president Gianni Infantino and announced that a short-term plan would be presented on September 7 with the first formal meeting to be held in Kolkata on September 17-18.

"Along with eminent footballers including Shabbir Ali, I.M. Vijayan and Climax Lawrence, we hope to present a realistic roadmap for Indian football after 100 days.

"Everyone wants India to play in the World Cup but we need to plan how to go about it and the direction it needs to take," he added.

Prannoy goes down fighting

JAPAN OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
OSAKA

H.S. Prannoy went down fighting in the men's singles quarterfinals against World championships bronze medallist Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei, bringing down the curtain on India's campaign at the Japan Open here on Friday.

The 30-year-old Indian saved three match-points, but Chou emerged victorious 21-17, 15-21, 22-20 in a pulsating contest that lasted an hour and 20 minutes.

Prannoy recovered from an opening-game reversal and kept breathing down his opponent's neck till the last point.

Prannoy had won his last two meetings with Chou.

Arjun ends Rinat's run

Praggnanandhaa bounces back

DUBAI CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Arjun Erigaisi ended the winning spree of Kazakhstan's Rinat Jumabayev and emerged as the joint leader with top seed Alexandr Predke at 5.5 points after six rounds of the Dubai Open chess tournament in Dubai on Thursday.

Arjun gained the upper hand midway through the 39-move encounter and managed to weave a checkmating net. Predke proved too strong for Ayush Sharma and won in 20 moves.

R. Praggnanandhaa bounced back from the loss suffered in the previous round to stop Shardul Gagare.

Jumabayev and Praggnanandhaa were in the company of Vladimir Akopian (USA) and the victorious duo of Sahaj Grover and Aravindh Chithambaram at five points.

Sahaj upstaged Raunak Sadhwani, a member of Olympiad bronze medal team and Aravindh outplayed Vaibhav Raut.

Leading results (sixth round): Arjun Erigaisi (5.5) bt Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 5); Ayush Sharma (4.5) lost to Alexandr Predke (FIDE, 5.5); Amin Tabatabaei (Iri, 4.5) drew with Vladimir Akopian (5); R. Praggnanandhaa (5) bt Shardul Gagare (4); Aram Hakobyan (Arm, 4.5) drew with Abhijeet Gupta (4.5); Harsha Bharathakoti (4.5) drew with Samvel Ter-Sahakyan (Arm, 4.5); Raunak Sadhwani (4) lost to Sahaj Grover (5); Aravindh Chithambaram (5) bt Vaibhav Raut (4); S.P. Sethuraman (4.5) bt Arash Tahbaz (Iri, 3.5); Aleksandar Indjic (Srb, 4.5) bt V.S. Rathanvel (3.5). Aydin Suleymanli (Aze, 3.5) lost to Sammed Shete (4.5); Arjun Kalyan (4.5) bt Vantika Agrawal (3.5); Aditya Mittal (4.5) bt Shubh Laddha (USA, 3.5).

Yorker specialist fails to hit the mark

Recent performances have raised questions over Avesh's ability to stay cool under pressure

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

Mohammed Shami would have fancied his chances of making the trip to Dubai for the Asia Cup, given that frontline pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Harshal Patel were out injured. But it was not to be, as the selectors picked Avesh Khan ahead of the more-experienced man.

Shami, incidentally, has not featured in a T20I since the ICC Men's T20 World Cup last year.

In India's opening two matches of the Asia Cup, Avesh has failed to justify his spot. The fast bowler conceded 19 runs in two overs against Pakistan, and more worryingly, was blasted for 53 runs in four overs by minnows Hong Kong.

Learning curve: Avesh has more often than not buckled under the death-over pressure, while Arshdeep has fared marginally better. • AFP

Nothing going right

Avesh, who made his name as a yorker specialist in the IPL, has missed the mark at Dubai. He appeared lost when Hong Kong's Scott McKechnie and Zeeshan Ali went after him, spraying it either too full or too short. India had already wrapped up the match at that stage, but in conceding 21 runs in the 19th over, questions were raised over Avesh's ability to stay cool under pressure.

In the Pakistan outing, Avesh was not called into action for the death overs. This duty was handled by fellow fast bowlers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Arshdeep Singh.

Though still in the early stages of his international career, Avesh has faced a similar setback before. Around a month ago, in the second T20I against West Indies, Avesh came a cropper in a tight last-over finish. A front-foot no-ball as his opening salvo cost India dear. He did not fare much better in the next game, going for 47 runs in three overs.

To its credit, the team management persisted with Avesh. He delivered in the fourth outing, conceding 17 runs in four overs and picking up two wickets.

The Madhya Pradesh speedster will once again need to be given a long rope to regain his confidence.

Avesh has the backing of his teammate Suryakumar Yadav.

"It is not going badly for Avesh. He recently won a 'Man-of-the-match' award (fourth T20I against West Indies). Arshdeep and Avesh have been bowling well. Everyone has off days.

"Our bowlers have been trying a few things in the matches. I think everything is going well," Suryakumar said.

With returns of one for 44 (vs Hong Kong) and two for 33 (vs Pakistan), Arshdeep has fared only marginally better. That he brings variety into the attack as a left-arm seamer will work in his favour when it comes to team selection.

India has only three fast bowlers, and an all-rounder Hardik Pandya, in the squad. Making like-for-like swaps, therefore, is not possible. If Hardik, rested for the previous game, returns to action in the Super 4, he could take the place of Avesh.

TODAY'S MATCH
SUPER 4
Sri Lanka vs. Afghanistan
Sharjah, 7:30 p.m. IST

Pakistan enters Super 4

Babar's men outclass Hong Kong

AYAN ACHARYA
SHARJAH

Mohammad Rizwan (78, 57b, 6x4, 1x6), Fakhar Zaman (53, 41b, 3x4, 2x6) struck half-centuries and Khushdil Shah played a cameo as Pakistan cruised into the Super 4 of the Asia Cup, beating Hong Kong by 155 runs on Friday.

Defending 193 on a slow and low wicket, Naseem Shah (two for seven), Mohammad Nawaz (three for five) and Shadab Khan (four for eight) bundled out Hong Kong for 38 in 10.4 overs.

Earlier, Hong Kong conceded 77 in the last five overs, 29 of those coming off Aizaz Khan in the 20th. Khushdil (35, 15b, 5x6) struck four sixes off Aizaz to provide a fitting finish.

After being put in, Babar Azam and Rizwan managed just seven in the first two overs. Off-spinner Ehsan Khan (2 for 28), introduced in the third over, had Babar caught and bowled.

Rizwan broke the shackles with two boundaries off Ayush Shukla. The opener switched gears after the halfway stage, slamming Mohammad Ghazanfar for a straight six. Zaman kept the scoreboard ticking with ones and twos before connecting a sweep for six in the 15th over. He then hit Yasim Murtaza for a four and six – a 101m strike – to reach 50 off 38 balls as Pakistan amassed 193 for two. It proved too much for Hong Kong.

The scores: Pakistan 193/2 in 20 overs (Mohd. Rizwan 78 n.o., Fakhar Zaman 53, Khushdil Shah 35 n.o.) bt Hong Kong 38 in 10.4 overs (Shadab Khan 4/8, Mohd. Nawaz 3/5). **Toss:** Hong Kong; **MoM:** Rizwan.

Points table

GROUP A

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
India (Q)	2	2	0	4	1.096
Pakistan (Q)	2	1	1	2	3.811
Hong Kong	2	0	2	0	-4.875

GROUP B

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Afghanistan (Q)	2	2	0	4	2.467
Sri Lanka (Q)	2	1	1	2	-2.233
Bangladesh	2	0	2	0	-0.576

SUPER 4 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	SL vs. Afg	Sharjah	7.30 p.m.
Sept. 4	**Ind vs. Pak**	Dubai	7.30 p.m.
Sept. 6	**SL vs. Ind**	Dubai	7.30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Afg vs.Pak	Sharjah	7.30 p.m.
Sept. 8	**Ind vs. Afg**	Dubai	7.30 p.m.
Sept. 9	SL vs. Pak	Dubai	7.30 p.m.

Q: QUALIFIED — ALL TIMES IST

Jadeja out of Asia Cup; Axar included

SPORTS REPORTER
DUBAI

Ravindra Jadeja has sustained a right knee injury and has been ruled out of the rest of the Asia Cup.

The all-rounder is currently under the supervision of the BCCI medical team.

The All-India senior selection committee has named Axar Patel as Jadeja's replacement.

Axar, who was earlier named as one of the standbyes in the squad, will join the team in Dubai soon.

India will meet Pakistan in a Super 4 match on Sunday.

Juggernauts storm into the final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PUNE

Odisha Juggernauts registered a 57-43 victory against Gujarat Giants in Qualifier 1 while Telugu Yoddhas knocked out Chennai Quick Guns 61-43 in the Eliminator in the inaugural edition of the Ultimate Kho Kho here on Friday.

Suraj Lande scored 13 points for Juggernauts while Dilip Khandavi defended well for 3.48 minutes in the final turn.

Giants will meet Yoddhas in Qualifier 2 on Saturday. Skipper Pratik Waikar's brilliant performance helped Yoddhas outgun Quick Guns. Waikar's skilful defence combined with Adarsh Mohit's outstanding attack – he scored 16 points – contributed to Yoddhas' win. Amit Patil (3.59 minutes in defence) and Madan (8 points) did well for Quick Guns but couldn't save their side.

Carter misses double century; India-A begins well

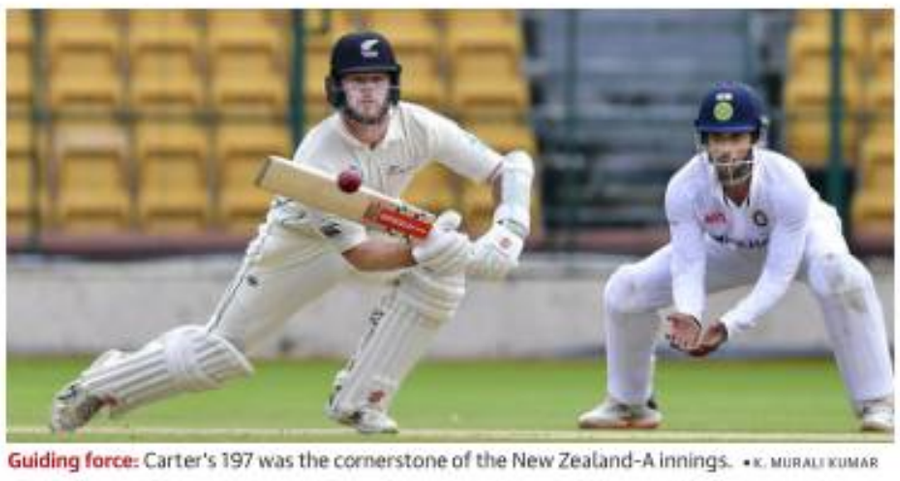
Mukesh Kumar returns a five-wicket haul; Abhimanyu unbeaten on a fluent 87

NZ-A IN INDIA

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
BENGALURU

To the handful of spectators at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday, Joe Carter may have looked like someone desperately trying to get out on the cusp of a maiden double hundred. He succeeded in his second attempt – in as many balls – as he stepped out against Kuldeep Yadav, and got stumped by K.S. Bharat.

He was on 197 then. The New Zealand-A batter later revealed that the team had been looking to declare before tea.



Guiding force: Carter's 197 was the cornerstone of the New Zealand-A innings. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Superb knock

Thanks almost exclusively to his superb knock (197, 305b, 474min, 26x4, 3x6), the visitors made 400 in their first innings on the second day of the first 'Test'. The next highest score in the innings was 32, by Sean Solia, the other overnight batter. The duo added 87 for the sixth wicket, as they resumed at 156 for five.

India-A ended the second day at 156 for one. Opener Abhimanyu Easwaran was looking in ominous touch, unbeaten on 87 (120b, 10x4, 1x6).

Earlier, Carter, who was cautious in his approach on the rain-affected first day, looked more aggressive on the second. While the other batters failed to get going against a fine India-A attack, spearheaded by seamer Mukesh Kumar (five for 86), he seemed at home. He grew in confidence and played some lovely strokes, like a glorious straight six off Kuldeep.

Carter had survived a confident shout for stumping against Kuldeep before he stepped out as he tried to accelerate, with not many wickets at hand. After coming in at one down, he was the ninth man to go.

After the New Zealand innings folded, and early tea was taken, captain Priyank Panchal (47, 83b, 4x4) and Abhimanyu Easwaran gave India-A a rousing start adding 123 for the first wicket, before the former fell to the tight left-arm spin bowling of Rachin Ravindra.

The scores:

New Zealand-A – 1st innings: Chad Bowes c Ruturaj b Mukesh 5, Rachin Ravindra c Patidar b Nagwaswalla 12, Joe Carter st. Bharat b Kuldeep 197, Mark Chapman c Abhimanyu b Dayal 15, Robert O'Donnell lbw b Mukesh 24, Cam Fletcher lbw b Mukesh 13, Sean Solia c Patidar b Mukesh 32, Michael Rippon b Sarfaraz 21, Logan van Beek c Bharat b Mukesh 19, Joe Walker c Abhimanyu b Sarfaraz 22, Jacob Duffy (not out) 17; Extras (b-1, lb-3, nb-16, w-3): 23; Total (in 110.5 overs): 400.

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-28, 3-51, 4-100, 5-149, 6-236, 7-307, 8-342, 9-361.

India-A bowling: Mukesh 23-5-86-5, Dayal 21-3-75-1, Nagwaswalla 23-4-75-1, Kuldeep 34-6-119-1, Tilak 4-0-9-0, Sarfaraz 5.5-0-32-2.

India-A – 1st innings: Priyank Panchal c O'Donnell b Ravindra 47, Abhimanyu Easwaran (batting) 87, Ruturaj Gaikwad (batting) 20; Extras (lb-1, w-1): 2; Total (for one wkt. in 37 overs): 156.

Fall of wicket: 1-123.

New Zealand-A bowling: Duffy 7-0-33-0, van Beek 6-1-34-0, Solia 5-0-21-0, Ravindra 10-1-22-1, Rippon 6-1-22-0, Walker 3-0-23-0.

Record-breaking Carter a Rahane admirer

'I just like how smooth his technique is'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Ajinkya Rahane must be looking forward eagerly to the Duleep Trophy starting next week, as he returns to competitive cricket since May. He may be surprised to learn that there is a cricketer from New Zealand who hopes he will make a comeback to the Indian side.

That Kiwi batter, Joe Carter, played some shots at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday that Rahane too would have approved of. After his brilliant 197, Carter spoke of his admiration for the Indian veteran of 82 Tests and 90 ODIs.

Hardly a surprise

When asked about his favourite batters in international cricket, the first name he took was hardly a surprise – Kane Williamson, the New Zealand captain. "I really enjoy watching him; he is obviously one of New Zealand's great cricketers," he said. "I was saying out in the middle to Sarfaraz [Khan] that probably my favourite player is Rahane [also]. I just like how smooth his technique is. Hopefully he gets back into the Test team."

Back in 2018, Carter, who was born in England and moved to New Zealand, had set a World-record, along with Brett Hampton. Together they scored 43 for Northern Districts off an over from Willem Ludick of Central Districts in a Ford Trophy. They beat the record for most runs in an over in List A cricket.

The India-A bowlers provided a stiffer challenge for him here. "Mukesh Kumar was super accurate," he said. "All the pacers bowled well and swung the ball both ways. Arzan Nagwaswalla is a nice bowler and Kuldeep bowled really well."

Nadal survives self-inflicted injury, moves past Fognini

Martic ousts fourth seed Badosa; Sabalenka claws back from the brink to beat Kanepi

U.S. OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Rafael Nadal overcame a freak injury scare when he accidentally hit himself with his own racquet to reach the US Open third round on Thursday. Nadal defeated Italy's Fabio Fognini 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

The four-time U.S. Open champion was hurt when his racquet bounced back off the court as he stretched for a ball and hit him squarely on the nose.

The 36-year-old Australian and French Open champion dropped his racquet and sprinted to the sidelines where he lay on his back with his nose bloodied. He required a medical timeout to have the wound tended before resuming with a bandage across the bridge of his nose.

Nadal said that despite being a set and 4-2 down, he was happy to have recovered after coming into the tournament still worried by the abdominal injury he suffered at Wimbledon.

Meanwhile, Victoria Azarenka triumphed against Marta Kostyuk 6-2, 6-3 in a match dominated by bitter exchanges over the conflict in Ukraine. Last week, Belarusian star Azarenka was axed from an exhibition event aimed at raising money for the war-ravaged country.

Minor glitch: Nadal awaits medical attention after a freak accident left him on his back with a bloodied nose. • AFP

Ukraine's Kostyuk had refused to take part in protest at the presence of Azarenka who she has criticised for a perceived failure to condemn the invasion of her home country.

The tension between the two was evident at the end of their match on Court 17 with Kostyuk offering just a touch of racquets instead of the customary post-match handshake.

Paula Badosa, the fourth seed and potential semifinal opponent of Swiatek, suffered another miserable return to the city of her birth. The Spaniard's failure to get beyond the second round will stretch for another year after losing 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-2 to Petra Martic of Croatia.

Sixth seed Aryna Sabalenka, a semifinalist in 2021, came back from 1-5 down in the second set and saved two match-points to defeat Kaia Kanepi 2-6, 7-6(8), 6-4.

China will have four women in the last 32 for the first time at a Slam after Zheng Qinwen defeated Anastasia Potapova and Yuan Yue got the better of Irina-Camelia Begu. Zhang Shuai and Wang Xiyu had already booked their spots.

On Friday, Tunisia's Ons Jabeur reached the last 16 of the U.S. Open for the first time with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 win over Shelby Rogers of the United States.

TOP RESULTS

Men: Second round: Ivashka bt 8-Hurkacz (Pol) 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3; 26-Musetti (Ita) bt Brouwer (Ned) 6-7(1), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Nakashima (USA) bt 17-Dimitrov (Bul) 7-6(5), 7-5, 6-3; 11-Sinner (Ita) bt Eubanks (USA) 6-4, 7-6(8), 6-2; 15-Cilic (Cro) bt Vinolas (Esp) 6-3, 7-6(4), 6-3; 20-Evans (GBR) bt Duckworth (Aus) 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; Brooksby (USA) bt 25-Coric (Cro) 6-4, 7-6(10), 6-1; 3-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Coria (Arg) 6-2, 6-1, 7-5; 7-Norrie (GBR) bt Sousa (Por) 6-4, 6-4, 7-6(4); 28-Rune (Den) w/o Isner (USA); 19-Shapovalov (Can) bt Baena (Esp) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; 9-Rublev bt Kwon Soon-woo (Kor) 6-3, 6-0, 6-4; 14-Schwartzman (Arg) bt Popyrin (Aus) 7-6(3), 7-5, 7-6 (6); Gasquet (Fra) bt 32-Kecmanovic (Srb) 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; 2-Nadal (Esp) bt Fognini (Ita) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Women: Third round: 5-Jabeur (Tun) bt 31-Rogers (USA) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; **Second round:** Davis (USA) bt 28-Alexandrova 0-6, 6-4, 7-6(5); 9-Muguruza (Esp) bt Fruhvirtova (Cze) 6-0, 6-4; 8-Pegula (USA) bt Sasnovich 6-4, 6-4; Martic (Cro) bt 4-Badosa (Esp) 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-2; 26-Azarenka bt Kostyuk (Ukr) 6-2, 6-3; 22-Pliskova (Cze) bt Bouzkova (Cze) 6-3, 6-2; 13-Bencic (Sui) bt Cirstea (Rom) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; 19-Collins (USA) bt Bucsa (Esp) 6-2, 7-5; 6-Sabalenka bt Kanepi (Est) 2-6, 7-6(8), 6-4.

Serena-Venus take last bow together

Hradecka-Noskova ring down the curtain on sister-act

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Serena and Venus Williams' glittering Grand Slam doubles career was brought to an abrupt end at the U.S. Open on Thursday as the reunited sisters crashed out in the first round against Czech duo Lucie Hradecka and Linda Noskova.

The Williams sisters – in what is almost certainly their final outing together as a Grand Slam doubles duo – slumped to a 7-6(5), 6-4 loss at the Arthur Ashe Stadium. The American pair – winner of 14 Grand Slam crowns and three Olympic gold medals – had not played together since 2018.

End of an era: Serena and Venus close a journey that has seen 14 Grand Slam crowns and three Olympic golds. • REUTERS

Wild-card entry

But they were handed a wild-card into the draw for this year's US Open just weeks after Serena indicated she planned to retire following the tournament.

On Wednesday, Serena kept her US Open singles campaign alive with a roller-coaster, never-say-die performance, sending the Arthur Ashe faithful into raptures on a night of high drama.

But there was a more subdued atmosphere on Thursday as the two sisters took centrestage together to open the night session.

While Serena showed flashes of the sort of brilliance that has studded her singles performances this week, elder sister Venus struggled to find her best form against the Czech duo.

Paying the price

The sisters were unable to take advantage of two opportunities to gain a crucial service break in the first set, and paid the price as Hradecka and Noskova clinched the tie-break.

Buoyed by their opening set performance, the Czechs scored an early break in the second and were soon 4-1 ahead. The Williamses were determined not to go down without a fight, however, and after holding serve dug out a service break and held again to level at 4-4.

But hopes of an epic comeback were snuffed out rapidly with Noskova comfortably holding serve for a 5-4 lead.

The Czech duo then took three match-points at 0-40 on Serena's serve, converting on the second opportunity to clinch victory.

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs Zimbabwe: 3rd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.10 a.m.
Badminton: Japan Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 a.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 & 6 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7 & 10 p.m.
Formula 1: Dutch GP (Qualifying), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m. onwards
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

IN BRIEF

Monappa passes away

CHENNAI

M.S. Monappa (78), former Tamil Nadu and Indian Airlines hockey player, passed away in Madikeri on Thursday. He represented the State in the National championships from 1970-74 and Indian Airlines from 1975-91. Monappa, who represented Madras University in cricket and athletics, is survived by wife, son and two daughters.

Sathya Krishnamurthi at the helm

CHENNAI

Sathya Krishnamurthi will lead the Indian team in the FIBA u-18 Asian women's basketball championship to be held in Bengaluru from September 5 to 11.
The team: Nitika Amuthan, Deepthi Raja, Sathya Krishnamurthi (Capt.), M. Harima Sundhari, Niharika Reddy, Mekhala Gowda, Karanveer Kaur, Manmeet Kaur, Yashneet Kaur, Kirti Depli, Irin Elsa, Bhumika Singh. Head coach: Arnika Patil; coach: Anitha Paul Durai; manager: P.S. Zarin.

Zonal boxing for women

KOLKATA

Around 3000 youth and junior female pugilists are expected to participate in five zonal championships to be held under a joint initiative by the Boxing Federation of India and SAI. The first event, the Khelo India East Zone Open women's boxing championships, will be held in Guwahati from Sept. 16. Successful pugilists from four zonal events will progress to the combined championship.

BFC holds Sporting with last-gasp strike

NorthEast United sees off Sudeva Delhi to pick up its first win

DURAND CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

N. Siva Sakthi played the substitute role well to find the equaliser in injury time and help Bengaluru FC (BFC) hold a 10-man Mohammedan Sporting 1-1 in the concluding Group A league match of the 131st Durand Cup football tournament at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Friday.

The result saw Mohammedan Sporting emerge the group champion with 10 points from three wins and a draw. Bengaluru FC finished second with eight points from two wins and as many draws.

The two made the quarterfinals, while Jamshedpur FC (six points), FC Goa (four) and Indian Air Force (zero) exited from the league stage.

Finishing touch: Gani slots in a penalty for NEUFC's second goal. • RITU RAJ KONWAR

Sporting looked more organised to begin with and kept the star-studded Bengaluru side under pressure right from the start.

The local giant found the lead in the 13th minute when its wing-back Abhash Thapa essayed a back-centre which was met with a rasping volley from Sheikh Faiaz. Bengaluru goalkeeper Lara managed to block the shot but Pritam Singh was close by to slot home the rebound.

Sporting was reduced to 10 men in the 74th minute when midfielder Abhisek Halder was marched off with the second booking of the match. Bengaluru continued to push for the equaliser but failed repeatedly as its attack combination of Sunil Chhetri and Roy Krishna failed to do much in the Sporting box.

To the rescue

Siva Sakthi, who came in as a late substitute, came to the rescue of BFC and helped it preserve the unbeaten record against Mohd. Sporting.

Meanwhile in Guwahati, two second-half goals helped host NorthEast United beat Sudeva Delhi 2-0 and post its first win in the tournament this year.

The results:
Group A: Mohd. Sporting 1 (Pritam Singh 13) drew with Bengaluru FC 1 (Siva Sakthi 90+2).
Group D: North East United FC 2 (Dipu Mirdha 64, Gani Ahmed Nigam 90+6-pen) bt Sudeva Delhi FC 0.

Sumit bags gold

WRESTLING

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Chandigarh's junior international Sumit defeated Delhi's Parvesh by technical superiority and won the men's 60kg Greco-Roman gold in the National under-23 wrestling championships which began at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Friday.

Stan Rayan reports:

Ravi skips dope test

International Ravi Raj pulled off an impressive victory over Delhi's Ankit Kumar to win the men's 74kg freestyle final. But the Maharashtra wrestler was in a big hurry after that.

"He ran away without giving the dope test. The federation will take strict action. He took the medal and certificate and ran away," V.N. Prasood, the general secretary of the Wrestling Federation of India, told *The Hindu* here. "I'm waiting for the NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) report and I will sign it. We will suspend all his results and upgrade the other medallists after discussing the issue."

But the case got curiouser a little later.

"He did not take gold (during the medal ceremony), his friend took it," revealed another official.

The results (finals only): Men: Greco Roman: 60kg: Sumit (Chd) bt Parvesh (Del) by technical superiority. **72 kg:** Rahul (SSCB) bt Vishal (Chd) by pts. **97kg:** Nitech (Har) bt Viresh (UP) by tech sup.
Freestyle: 61kg: Aakash (SSCB) bt Sahil (Pun) by tech sup. **74kg:** Ravi Raj (Mah) bt Ankit Kumar (Del) by fall. **92kg:** Parveen (Har) bt Akash (UP) by points. **125kg:** Anirudh (Del) bt Deepak (UP) by tech sup.
Women: 50 kg: Neelam (UP) bt Sweety (Har) by technical superiority. **57kg:** Nikita (Har) bt Aarju (UP) by fall. **65kg:** Sumitra (Del) bt Preeti (Har) by fall.

Man United's mini revival continues

Sancho's goal makes the difference

Slotting it in: Sancho caps off a flowing counter-attack with United's winner. • REUTERS

PREMIER LEAGUE

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LEICESTER

Manchester United secured its third straight win in the Premier League by beating Leicester 1-0 on Thursday, with Cristiano Ronaldo again only making a late appearance off the bench.

Jadon Sancho finished off a flowing move on the break for the only goal of the game in the 23rd minute as United's players backed up victories over Liverpool and Southampton to put their early-season crisis behind them.

It was only 10 days ago that United went into its home game against Liverpool on the back of back-to-back defeats to open the season with doubts swirling around the suitability of its recently hired manager, Erik ten Hag, and his new signings. Those doubts have pretty much disappeared, with United playing with more confidence.

United will face a bigger challenge on Sunday, when Arsenal – with its 100% record – visits Old Trafford.

The result: Leicester 0 lost to Manchester United 1 (Sancho 23).

Yuki-Saketh duo in semis

SPORTS BUREAU

Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni sailed into the doubles semifinals with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Dmitry Popko and Kaichi Uchida in the €45,730 Challenger tennis tournament in Manacor (Spain).

ROUND-UP

Kaviya, Sonia score hat-tricks as Kickstart wins

BENGALURU: Kaviya Pakkirasamy and Sonia Marak scored a hat-trick each as Kickstart FC walloped Rebels Womens FC 9-0 in the KSFA Karnataka Women's League football, here on Friday.
The results: Modern Girls FC 2 (Nisilia 50, Sunanda 73) bt Misaka FC 0; Kickstart FC 9 (Kaviya Pakkirasamy 15, 36, 60, Sonia Marak 34, 41, 76, Tania Kanti 78, Priya Tamang 82, Sushmita Lepcha 84) bt Rebels Womens FC 0; Pankram FC 2 (Sujata Rai 19, Arati Tudu 46) bt Pink Panthers 1 (V. Abirami 41).

Raghunath advances

P.T. Raghunath defeated Satish Chabria 4-3 (36-27, 33-16, 46-01, 12-44, 30-40, 27-46, 38-27) in a second round match at the Karnataka State-ranking 6Red snooker tournament, here on Friday.

Indian shooting squad for the Worlds

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) on Friday released the squad that will compete in the pistol and sports pistol events in the World Championship to be staged in Cairo in October.

The team: Men: Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Kusale, Niraj Kumar, Arjun Babuta, Kiran Jadhav, Rudrankksh Patil, Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu, Vijay Kumar, Shiva Narval, Naveen.
Women: Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra, Ashi Chouksey, Mehuli Ghosh, Elavenil Valarivan, Meghana Sajjanar, Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan, Abhidnya Patil, Yuvika Tomar, Palak Ghulia.
Junior men: Pankaj Mukheja, Surya Pratap Singh Banshtu, Sartaj Singh Tiwana, Divyansh Singh Panwar, Sri karthik Sabari Raj, Vidit Jain, Sameer Ghulia, Adarsh Singh, Udhayveer Sidhu, Samrat Rana, Sarabjot Singh, Sagar Dangi.
Junior women: Nischal, Nupur Kumrawat, Nikita Kundu, Ramita Jindal, Nancy, Tilottama Sen, Esha Singh, Naamya Kapoor, Vibhuti Bhatia, Shikha Narwal, Varsha Singh.

Jake races to glory in feature event

MYSURU: Vijay Singh-trained Jake (Hindu Singh up) won the H.H. Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Friday (Sept. 2). The winner is owned by Cairnhill Stud Farm Pvt. Ltd rep by. Mr. Subir Dasgupta & Sarainaga Racing Pvt. Ltd.

1. SHIVAKASHI PLATE (1,100m), rated 00 to 25: **STAR SPECK** (Angad) 1, D Fighter (B. Darshan) 2, Miraculous Girl (Gautam Raj) 3 and Raptor (Hasib A) 4. 3/4, 3-1/4 and 3-1/4. 1m, 08.63s. ₹61 (w), 17, 15 and 10 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 69, FP: 473, Q: 137, Trinella: 615 and 187. Favourite: Miraculous Girl. Owner: Col. Kuldeep Singh Garcha. Trainer: Pratap Kamath.

2. LT. COL. D.K. MISTRY MEMORIAL PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **MARVEL PRINCESS** (Hasib A) 1, D Fire (B. Darshan) 2, Vijaya Sarathi (Sai Kiran) 3 and N R I Level (Afsar Khan) 4. 2-1/4, 5 and 3/4. 1m, 08.06s. ₹22 (w), 15, 12 and 11 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 36, FP: 52, Q: 28, Trinella: 157 and 69. Favourite: Marvel Princess. Owner: Mr. Nagaraju N. Trainer: Srinivas Babu.

3. M.S. SURESH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over: **BRUNHILD** (P.P. Dhebe) 1, Wild Spell (B. Darshan) 2, Sadeek (S. Shareef) 3 and King T'Chala (Srinath) 4. Nk, 3-1/4 and 1-1/4. 1m, 12.77s. ₹14 (w), 10, 17 and 40 (p), SHP: 24, THP: 82, FP: 34, Q: 31, Trinella: 249 and 130. Favourite: Brunhild. Owner: Mr. Ajith Vittal Shetty. Trainer: Joseph B.

4. K.T. SHAMAIAH GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45: **NICHE CANNABIS** (Ajeet K) 1, Perfectimagination (Sai Kiran) 2, Swiss Tigress (Angad) 3 and Prince Corporate (H. Rathod) 4. Not run: Astrologer and Red Capri. 2, 7-1/4 and 3/4. 1m, 27.23s. ₹43 (w), 20, 12 and 34 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 91, FP: 81, Q: 26, Trinella: 343 and 231. Favourite: Perfectimagination. Owner: Ms. Beena Rawath. Trainer: S. Ramesh.

5. H.H. SRI KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms): **JAKE** (Hindu Singh) 1, Chashni (C. Umesh) 2, All Attractive (Antony) 3 and My Opinion (Akshay K) 4. Nk, 1-1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 24.52s. ₹125 (w), 31, 22 and 15 (p), SHP: 71, THP: 50, FP: 4,182, Q: 802, Trinella: 4,750 and 1,629. Favourite: Priceless Gold. Owners: Cairnhill Stud Farm Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Subir Dasgupta & Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd. Trainer: Vijay Singh.

6. K.T. SHAMAIAH GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45: **EMPERUS** (Janardhan P) 1, Parker (S. John) 2, D Durga (Sarvan K) 3 and Think N Fly (S. Shareef) 4. Not run: Masha. 6-3/4, 3-3/4 and 5-1/2. 1m, 27.65s. ₹81 (w), 16, 11 and 23 (p), SHP: 61, THP: 53, FP: 170, Q: 46, Trinella: 1,972 and 1,141, Exacta: 16,942 (carried over) and 3,630. Favourite: Parker. Owner: Col. Kuldeep Singh Garcha. Trainer: Pratap Kamath.

7. SQUANDERER PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65: **GALLERY QUEEN** (Srinath) 1, What Is This (H. Rahul) 2, D Brother (Mukesh K) 3 and Tarek (S. Shareef) 4. Not run: Flamingo Dancer. 2-3/4, 3/4 and 1-3/4. 1m, 27.54s. ₹28 (w), 10, 26, 34 (p), SHP: 88, THP: 60, FP: 243, Q: 68, Trinella: 2,473 and 1,192, Exacta: 9,358 (carried over). Favourite: Notoriety. Owner: Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust rep by. Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: C.D. Monnappa.

Jackpot: ₹83,518 (three tkts.).

Runner-up: 5,966 (18 tkts.).

Treble (i): 246 (51 tkts.); (ii): 3,586 (carried over).

England squad for T20 World Cup

REUTERS
LONDON

England batsman Jonny Bairstow was ruled out of the Twenty20 World Cup due to an injury, while out-of-form opener Jason Roy was dropped from the squad for the tournament in Australia beginning next month.

Bairstow was initially included but the cricket Board later said he had been ruled out of the rest of the summer and the World Cup after suffering a lower limb injury in a freak accident while playing golf on Friday.

T20 World Cup squad: Jos Buttler (Capt.), Moeen Ali, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, David Willey, Chris Woakes and Mark Wood.
Reserves: Liam Dawson, Richard Gleeson and Tymal Mills.
Pakistan tour: Buttler (captain), Moeen, Brook, Jordan Cox, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Liam Dawson, Richard Gleeson, Tom Helm, Will Jacks, Malan, Rashid, Salt, Olly Stone, Topley, Willey, Woakes, Luke Wood and Mark Wood.

MRF TRIUMPHS IN EUROPE

WINS THE DRIVERS', CO-DRIVERS' AND TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE FIA 2022 EUROPEAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Team MRF have won the FIA 2022 European Rally Championship (ERC). Spanish drivers Efrén Llarena and Sara Fernández winning the drivers' and co-drivers' Championship respectively and MRF Tyres the Teams Championship. This is a landmark victory for Team MRF marking its first victory in the ERC, scored over International Tyre Brands, thus proving its superiority, yet again.

The world-class technology that MRF uses is ultimately transferred to our road tyres for the benefit of our customers all over the world.